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**RESOLUTION NO. 1/49-INF**  
**ON**  
**OIC MEMBER STATES' SUPPORT TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR**  
**INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (COMIAC)**

*The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).*

- **With reference to** Resolution 1/47-INF on OIC Member States' support to the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), adopted by the Council's 47<sup>th</sup> session (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 12-13 Rabi Thani II, 1440H (27-28 November 2020);
- **With reference to** Resolution 1/46-INF on OIC Member States' support to the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), adopted by 46<sup>th</sup> session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);
- **Proceeding from** Resolution 2/11-INF on "Supporting the information work of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) adopted at the 11<sup>th</sup> session of COMIAC (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018 (28-29 Sha'ban 1439 A.H.);
- **Recalling** resolution 1/45-INF on OIC Member States' support to the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), adopted by the Forty-fifth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 19 and 20 Shaaban 1439H (5 and 6 May 2018);
- **Taking note of** resolution 1/44-INF on "OIC Member States' support to COMIAC", issued by the CFM in its 44<sup>th</sup> session (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in World of Solidarity) held in Abidjan, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, on 10-11 July 2017 (16-17 Shawwal 1438H);
- **In a bid to** support COMIAC in discharging its duties of, inter alia, giving a new impetus to information and culture across the Muslim world, enabling it to introduce the international public opinion to Muslim world supreme causes, including the Palestinian and Al-Quds Al-Sharif cause, in addition to countering smear campaigns targeting Islam and Muslims, following up the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Conference in the areas of expertise of the COMIAC, exploring ways to boost cooperation among the Member States on information and culture, and preparing capacity-building programs and proposals in these two areas;

- **Pursuant** to Paragraph 184 of the Final Communiqué of the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace), held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye , on 14-15 April 2016, which praised the Republic of Senegal’s efforts to reinvigorate COMIAC and encouraged COMIAC to develop information programs and activities and increase media visibility for the OIC, in association with relevant OIC institutions and international partners;
  - **Recalling** Resolution 3/10-INF on “the Role of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) in its Capacity as Coordinator of the Action of the OIC Information Organs”, and Resolution 5/10-INF on “Reactivating the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) and Supporting its Coordination Office”, adopted by the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the COMIAC held in Dakar on 28-29 April 2015;
  - **Proceeding** from Resolution 3/10–INF on “Supporting the Work of Joint Islamic Media Action Institutions”, adopted by the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014 (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Islamic World), which underscores, in Operative Paragraph 3, the need to support the work of all joint Islamic media action institutions, including COMIAC, to enhance synergy among them, improve their efficiency, contribute to their activities effectively, and benefit from the services they offer;
  - **Having considered** the Secretary General’s report submitted to this session,
1. **Expresses** appreciation to the Republic of Senegal for its efforts in support of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), including the appointment of the Director of COMIAC Coordination Office and the allocation of its premises in the capital city of Dakar, and **calls for** continued reinvigoration and promotion of the work of COMIAC.
  2. **Welcomes** the outcome of the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018; and **calls on** OIC Member States and relevant institutions to work for its implementation with a view to developing the work of this Standing Committee and supporting its Coordination Office.
  3. **Commends** COMIAC’s new dynamism to reinvigorate joint Islamic media action, and highly appreciates its convening of a media workshop on the OIC, in Dakar, Senegal, on 30 May 2016, which was attended by many of the OIC Member States’ Ambassadors in Dakar, along with media representatives, civil society activists and the OIC General Secretariat, who have contributed to increasing OIC’s visibility in the media in Senegal and Africa; and commends COMIAC’s participating in organizing a number of specialized media workshops in 2017 and 2018, in association with the OIC Information Department and ISESCO.
  4. **Welcomes** the decision of the Chairman of COMIAC to hold the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee in Dakar in 2023.
  5. **Commends** the initiative of COMIAC President to launch an international prize to reward outstanding media and media professionals in the field of promotion of peace, tolerance and intercultural harmony, and **highly appreciates** the convening on 10 April 2017 in Dakar of

the first meeting of the ad hoc committee formed during the 11<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 19-21 December 2016 to study the conditions and modalities of the implementation of the prize; and **praises** the outcome of the second meeting of this committee held at the headquarters of the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA) in Jeddah on 30 October 2017 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Committee held in Dakar on 13 May 2018, which finalized the discussion on the criteria and procedures of the international award.

6. **Renews the call on** all the Member States to show understanding of the critical financial situation of COMIAC, which requires them to continuously extend necessary support, including financial and in-kind support, and host joint projects and programs, proposed and submitted by the COMIAC Coordination Office to enable it to carry out its mandate in the fields of information and culture within the OIC.
7. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 50<sup>th</sup> session.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2/49-INF  
ON  
LAUNCH OF AN INTERNATIONAL MEDIA AWARD**

*The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).*

- **With reference to** Resolution 2/47-INF on the “Establishment of the International Media Award”, adopted by the Council’s 47<sup>th</sup> session (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 12-13 Rabi Thani II, 1440H (27-28 November 2020);
- **Proceeding from** the outcomes of the twelfth session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on October 21 and 22, 2022, in particular the report of the session in Items No. 11 and 12 on the OIC Award for Distinguished Media Outlets and Media Professionals in the Field of Promoting Dialogue, Tolerance and Intercultural Harmony).
- **With reference to** Resolution 2/46-INF on the “Establishment of the International Media Award”, adopted by 46<sup>th</sup> session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);
- **Proceeding from** Resolution 3/11-INF on the “Launch of an International Media Award” adopted at the 11<sup>th</sup> session of COMIAC (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018 (28-29 Sha’ban 1439 A.H.);
- **Recalling** Resolution 2/45-INF on the “Launch of an International Media Award”, adopted by the Council’s 45<sup>th</sup> session (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People’s Republic of Bangladesh, on 19 and 20 Shaaban 1439 A.H. (5 and 6 May 2018);
- **Recalling** Resolution 2/44-INF on the “Launch of an International Media Award”, adopted by the Council’s 44<sup>th</sup> session held in Abidjan, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire, on 10-11 July 2017;
- **Welcoming** the commendable efforts of COMIAC Chair to revitalize the Committee;
- **In accordance** with the outcomes of the 10<sup>th</sup> session of COMIAC held in Dakar on 28 and 29 April 2015, particularly its recommendations on increasing support for Islamic journalism,
- **Taking into** consideration the announcement by the Chair of COMIAC contained in his report which was adopted by Heads of State and Government who met in Istanbul in April 2016 during the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Summit, particularly in relation to the guidelines proposed for adoption as a basis for the COMIAC’ future programme,
- **Being convinced** of the major role that should be played by the media in the area of peace and development in Member States,

- **Having considered** the OIC Secretary General’s report submitted to this session,
  1. **Expresses** its profound appreciation for the initiative launched by the President of the Republic of Senegal, in his capacity as the Chair of COMIAC, on the establishment of an international prize for outstanding media outlets and journalists active in dialogue, tolerance and cross-cultural harmony.
  2. **Praises** the Republic of Senegal’s efforts to establish the ad hoc committee responsible for the consideration of the terms and conditions of the prize, and **commends** highly the engagement of states and institutions members of the said committee.
  3. **Commends** the outcome of the first, second and third meetings of the ad hoc committee responsible for considering the terms and conditions of the Prize, held on 10 April 2017 in Dakar, 30 October 2017 in Jeddah, and on 13 May 2018 in Dakar, respectively, wherein committee members examined, in their first meeting, the prize concept paper, outlining the target audience, the prize title (OIC International Media prize), types of media outlets eligible for participation, its subjects, adopted languages, cash and in-kind prize value, number of laureates, prize sponsorship and global prize amount. The second meeting discussed the prize a technical paper detailing the prize goals, scope, general nomination conditions, media works participating in the prize, prize amount, prize categories, selection procedure, prize structure, jury composition, and date and venue of launching the prize in 2018. The third meeting finalized discussion on the technical paper of the prize, including its terms and procedure. The paper was enriched with proposals of OIC Member States and institutions.
  4. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat in the preparation of the prize technical paper, taking into account the outputs of states and institutions members of the Prize Committee, including terms and conditions regarding institutions, nominees, works nominated for the prize, amount of the prize, suspension cases, laureates selection method, structure of the prize, laureate selection criteria, date of launching the prize, total cost, adopted in the Resolution issued by the twelfth session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye , on October 21 and 22, 2022.
  5. **Invites** all the Member States, OIC financial institutions and relevant OIC organs to provide full support, both moral and material, to set the Award initiative into motion.
  6. **Endorses** the adoption of the technical sheet the OIC Award for Distinguished Media Outlets and Media Professionals in the Field of Promoting Dialogue, Tolerance and Intercultural Harmony, based on the outcomes of the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on October 21 and 22, 2022, and underlines the need to establish an OIC General Secretariat-based Fund to finance the Award. In line with Item 14 of the technical sheet regarding financing the award, a bank account will be opened for this purpose
  7. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council’s 50<sup>th</sup> session.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 3/49-INF**  
**ON**  
**SUPPORTING THE OIC BROADCASTING REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FORUM**  
**(IBRAF)**

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- **Recalling** Resolution 3/47-INF on “Supporting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF)”, adopted by the Council’s 47<sup>th</sup> session (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 12-13 Rabi Thani II, 1440H (27-28 November 2020);
- **With reference to** Resolution 3/46-INF on “Supporting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF)”, adopted by 46<sup>th</sup> session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);
- **Recalling** Resolution 4/11-INF on “Supporting the Work of Joint Islamic Media Action Institutions and their Coordination” adopted at the 11<sup>th</sup> session of COMIAC (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018 (28-29 Sha’ban 1439 A.H.);
- **Recalling** Resolution 3/45-INF on “Supporting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF)”, adopted by the Forty-fifth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People’s Republic of Bangladesh, on 19 and 20 Sha’ban 1439 A.H. (5 and 6 May 2018);
- **Taking note** of Resolution 3/44-INF adopted by the Forty-fourth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in World of Solidarity) held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire on 16 and 17 Shawwal 1438H (Corresponding to 10 and 11 July 2017), on supporting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF),
- **Referring** to Resolution No.1/40-INF adopted by the Fortieth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations, Factor of Peace and Sustainable Development), held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, on 6-8 Safar 1435H (9-11 December 2013) on granting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) an affiliated institution status,
- **Recalling** the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), particularly those calling for promoting solidarity among the Islamic countries and strengthening capacities to protect their security, sovereignty, independence and national rights,
- **With reference to** the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye on 14-15 April 2016, particularly Paragraph 50 on Media and Public Diplomacy, which affirms that the press and broadcast media, are the most effective tool and source for the dissemination of information and shaping of public



opinion, and that the OIC is in the process of putting in place an elaborate strategy for effective public outreach and employing media for promoting the goals and objectives of the Organization,

- **Taking cognizance of** the outcome of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21 December 2016,
- **Noting** that the ICIM called on IBRAF in the same session through Resolution No.12/11-INF on the “Role of Information in Combating Terrorism” to prepare “a code of conduct including legislations and legal procedures for the media to encounter terrorism”,
- **Stressing** that addressing the issue of Islamophobia starts with presenting the true image of the religion of Islam to foreign interlocutors in a thoughtful and effective manner,
- **Emphasizing** the importance of cooperation among Member States in developing media mechanisms to fight terrorism,
- **Having considered** the OIC Secretary General’s report submitted to this session,
  1. **Takes note of** the appointment, in October 2019, of Mr. Nurullah Ozturk as new Director General of IBRAF, replacing the outgoing Dr Hamit Ersoy; **expresses wishes** for success to the incumbent; and **thanks** the outgoing Director General for his invaluable efforts to set the Forum in motion and then expand its membership and enlarge its network of relations and activities with broadcasting corporations across the Member States.
  2. **Takes note of** the convening of the second meeting of the steering committee of IBRAF in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye on 29 September 2017, which discussed the agenda of the Sixth Annual Meeting of IBRAF.
  3. **Expresses appreciation** to the Republic of Indonesia for hosting the Fifth Annual Meeting in Bandung, Republic of Indonesia on 23 February 2017 under the theme: “Media Literacy & Media Landscape for World Harmony”; and **salutes** the Republic of Benin and the Audiovisual and Communication High Authority (HAAC) for hosting the 6th Annual Meeting of IBRAF on 19-20 February 2018, which saw a number of national broadcasting regulatory authorities joining IBRAF.
  4. **Welcomes** the outcome of the Fifth Annual Meeting of IBRAF, in particular the adoption of Bandung Declaration on the Role of Media in Promoting Tolerance and Combating Terrorism and Islamophobia;
  5. **Urges** the Member States to take the necessary measures to encourage their national broadcasting regulatory authorities and/or institutions with similar functions and responsibilities to collaborate with the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF), which will be a platform dedicated to establishing and promoting regular coordination, communication and cooperation among the concerned parties in the Member States;

6. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 50<sup>th</sup> session.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 4/49-INF**  
**ON**  
**STRENGTHENING THE MEDIA ACTION OF THE ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC**  
**COOPERATION AND ITS MEDIA INSTITUTIONS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE**  
**MEMBER STATES**

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- **Based on** Resolution 4/47-INF on “Strengthening the Media Action of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its Media Institutions in Partnership with the Member States”, issued by the Council’s 47<sup>th</sup> session (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 12-13 Rabi Thani II, 1440H (27-28 November 2020);
  - **With reference to** Resolution 4/46-INF on “Strengthening the Media Action of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its Media Institutions in Partnership with the Member States”, adopted by 46<sup>th</sup> session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);
  - **Based on** Resolution 4/45-INF on “Strengthening the Media Action of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its Media Institutions in Partnership with the Member States”, issued by the CFM in its 45<sup>th</sup> session (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People’s Republic of Bangladesh, on 19-20 Sha’ban 1439H/5-6 May 2018,
  - **Taking note of** Resolution 4/44-INF adopted by the Forty-fourth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in World of Solidarity) held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire on 16 and 17 Shawwal 1438H (Corresponding to 10 and 11 July 2017),
  - **Recalling** Resolution 4/9-INF on “Coordination in the Information Field within the Framework of the OIC in Order to Give a Comprehensive Picture of Joint Islamic Action, issued by the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic on 19 and 20 April 2012, which was endorsed by the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 15-17 November 2012;
  - **Stressing** the importance of strengthening cooperation and coordination between the OIC General Secretariat, the information institutions and member states concerning implementation of media projects and programmes;
  - **Having considered** the OIC Secretary General’s report submitted to this session;
- 1. Supports** the resolutions of the General Assembly of the OIC Union of News Agencies (UNA), held at the Jeddah-based General Secretariat on 12 December 2019; and **urges** the Member States to support and pay their annual budgetary contribution to the Union.

2. **Expresses appreciation for** the media action that has been, and continues to be, carried out by the OIC General Secretariat to develop the capacities of journalists, widen their knowledge and polish their skills on media matters through the organization of specialized media training programmes and courses, especially in 2017 and 2019, and **invites** it to organize more of these training programmes and media workshops in cooperation with media, research and training institutions and with relevant authorities in member states and non-member states, in order to strengthen the OIC's media action, benefit the journalists and strengthen the OIC's media visibility through these media programmes.
3. **Welcomes** the outcome of the media workshop organized and hosted by the OIC General Secretariat on 15 November 2018, on the theme "Social media's supportive role for the OIC work", with the participation of 35 bloggers, tweeps and social media influencers from different institutions and states members of the OIC, to explore ways to increase visibility for the Organization on regional and international media, and to promote knowledge of OIC programmes and activities within Member States and beyond.
4. **Welcomes** the outcome of the workshop held by the OIC General Secretariat in partnership with ISESCO and in cooperation with Thomson Foundation of Britain to prepare the "Guidebook for Training Journalists to Cover Terrorist Incidents" in the period from 31 October – 2 November 2017 at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, in response to the request of the Ministers of Information to the General Secretariat and ISESCO to submit a study on the mechanisms for training specialized media workers, in conformity with resolution no. 12/11-INF on "Role of the Media in Combating Terrorism" adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah on 21 December 2016, and endorsed by resolution no. 4/44-INF on "Reaffirmation of the Resolutions of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 December 2016", during the 44<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Abidjan on 10 and 11 July 2017.
5. **Welcomes** the outcome both of the "First Islamic-European Forum on Exploring Ways of Cooperation to Eliminate Hate Speech in the Media" and of the "Media Workshop to Assess and Adopt the Final Draft of the Media Training Guide for Covering Terrorist Acts and to Examine Related Technical, Media and Legal Aspect". The two events, held by the OIC General Secretariat in partnership with ISESCO, took place at the Press Club Brussels Europe in Belgium, on 29-30 June 2018. The Guide, driven to its final form, as mandated by the 11<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, will be submitted for approval to the conference in its 12<sup>th</sup> session.
6. **Commends** the outcome of the training session which the General Secretariat conducted on "Social Media Infographics" at UNA media training centre, on 10-12 April 2018, for the benefit of journalists and broadcasters from across the OIC Member States.
7. **Welcomes** the outcome of the workshop held by the OIC and ISESCO, in coordination with the Senegalese National Authority in charge of UNESCO, ISESCO, and COMIAC on "Operationalizing the OIC Media Strategy to Counter Islamophobia and the OIC Comprehensive Media Strategy till 2025", in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 16-17 October 2017, which called for the establishment of a network of media training institutions in the Muslim world to strengthen cooperation among them and to develop a unified plan for the

training of journalists, intensifying coordination and partnership between the OIC and specialized institutions in preparing contents and materials that project Islamic and its tolerant values which can be understood by a westerner to contribute to correcting the negative stereotypes about Islam.

8. **Hails** the conclusions of the sub-regional workshop on “Women in Civil Society and Strengthening Their Role in the Media” held by OIC General Secretariat and ISESCO and the General Secretariat of Bahrain National Commission for Education, Science and Culture in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain on 4 and 5 October 2017, in implementation of resolution 4/11-INF on “Empowerment of Women in and Through the Media” which recommended the utilization of the successful experience in Member States on strengthening the role of women in the society by establishing a network of female journalists under the supervision of the OIC General Secretariat and documenting the achievements of pioneers; **commends** the objectives of the OIC Media Monitoring Observation for Women in Member States and seek guidance from its orientations; and **urges** the media to strengthen women presence in media institutions as journalists or those tasked with running media contracts.
9. **Welcomes** the recommendations of the workshop of experts and representatives of the civil society to discuss media and legal measures to counter Islamophobia which was organized by the OIC General Secretariat, ISESCO and the Islamic Cultural Centre in London, United Kingdom on 15 and 16 July 2017, in implementation of resolution 2/11 on “The OIC Anti-Islamophobia Media Strategy” adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 December 2016, which called for intensified coordination and cooperation between governments and civil society institutions and the media to counter those behind Islamophobia and to relate with them as groups who hate Islam, violate human rights and threaten the international efforts aimed at strengthening dialogue among cultures and alliance of civilizations; **calls** on intergovernmental and civil society organizations, to coordinate efforts to implement the charters, treaties, conventions, declarations and resolutions as well as national and international laws affirming the separation between freedom of opinion and expression and the various excesses and defamation of religions perpetrated by the media under the cover of freedom of opinion and expression; and **calls** on Muslims representatives of civil society and Islamic institutions in western countries to improve and strengthen their media narratives and positive interaction with the media, and to launch campaigns, media and cultural programmes to project the true image of the tolerant religion of Islam.
10. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council’s 50<sup>th</sup> session.

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**RESOLUTION NO.5/49-INF  
ON THE  
UNION OF OIC NEWS AGENCIES (UNA)**

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**Recalling** the resolutions on information affairs of the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March (Session of Partnering for Unity, Justice, and Development) and the resolution on information affairs adopted by the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 21-22 October 2022 (Session of Combating Disinformation and Islamophobia in the Post-Truth Era);

**Proceeding** from the resolution No.4/47-INF on “Strengthening the Media Action of the OIC and its Media Institutions in Partnership with the Member States” adopted by the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020;

**Referring** to the resolution No.8/11-INF on “Supporting the Work of Joint Islamic Media Institutions” adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Development) held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21 December 2016;

**Based on** the resolution No.4/9-INF on “Coordination in the Information Field in the Framework of the OIC in Order to Give a Comprehensive Picture of Joint Islamic Action” adopted by the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development ) held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, on 19-20 April 2012;

1. **Appreciates** the support of the host country of the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for UNA and its provision of a financial grant of 11 million and 899 thousand riyals (3 million and 173 thousand dollars) and appreciates the role of the State of Qatar in paying all its contributions for the past years, which amounted to (985 thousand dollars);
2. **Calls on** Member States to pay their obligatory contributions to the budgets of UNA following the completion of the restructuring process as adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Rabat on 27-28 January 200 and at UNA General Assembly; Commends the Member States that are committed to paying their contributions to the UNA budget, led by the host country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as well as the United Arab Emirates, and the Sultanate of Oman; **lauds** the countries that have taken the initiative to pay their contributions: the State of Qatar, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, and the Republic of Cameroon;

3. ***Calls on*** the Union to strengthen its communication with non-member states, including international unions of news agencies and global media institutions, to organize media programs in areas of common interest, promote dialogue and cultural exchange, combat Islamophobia and terrorism, and highlight the role of the OIC, its organs and the Member States in these domains;
4. ***Invites*** the Union to intensify training programs for the benefit of media professionals in the Member States via its training centre and work in coordination with the Member States and other OIC media institutions to establish a network and a permanent forum for media training institutions to enhance coordination between them and provide more training opportunities for media professionals in the Member States;
5. ***Encourages*** UNA's contributions to media coverage of prominent events and conferences held within the OIC system and in the Member States and praise, in particular, the coverage provided by the Union to the 48 Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, the OIC Fourth Conference on Mediation and the First Meeting of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Agencies in the OIC Member States; ***Calls on*** UNA to set up a media program at the level of news agencies to enhance media coverage of OIC's activities and conference, especially the Islamic Summit, ministerial conference and other related international conferences in the Member States;
6. ***Encourages*** UNA to increase the level of coordination between employees of news agencies and media professionals in the Member States to enhance communication between them and to work on creating a database to support joint media action and to use it to enhance the media visibility of the OIC, its conferences and organs, and international conferences of Member States;
7. ***Appreciates*** UNA's launch of an integrated digital media platform in the three OIC official languages and 15 other languages using AI-powered neural machine translation technology to enhance news exchange between the Member States and intensify media coverage of the OIC's activities and prominent events in Islamic countries; ***calls on*** the Member States and OIC organs to take advantage of this platform and provide it with media materials and urges the Union to increase the level of news exchange between news agencies in Member States in a way that ensures relaying correct and reliable information, in accordance with the followed professional standards;

**RESOLUTION NO.6/49-INF**  
**ON**  
**ADVANCING COOPERATION IN THE MEDIA SECTOR TO PROMOTE PEACE,**  
**DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY, INCLUDING THROUGH HARNESSING THE**  
**SDGS**

*The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).*

- **Based on** Resolution 5/47-INF on “Advancing Cooperation in the Media Sector for Peace, Development and Prosperity including through Harnessing SGDs”, issued by the Council’s 47<sup>th</sup> session (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 12-13 Rabi Thani II, 1440H (27-28 November 2020);
- **With reference to** Resolution 5/46-INF on “Advancing Cooperation in the Media Sector for Peace, Development and Prosperity including through Harnessing SGDs”, adopted by 46<sup>th</sup> session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);
- **Based on** Resolution 5/45-INF on “Advancing Cooperation in the Media Sector for Peace, Development and Prosperity including through Harnessing SGDs”, issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 45<sup>th</sup> session (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People’s Republic of Bangladesh, on 19-20 Sha’ban 1439H / 5-6 May 2018;
- **Being cognizant of** the need to continuously promote mutual understanding and solidarity among the Muslim Ummah around the globe;
- **Upholding** the true spirit of Islam;
- **Recalling** the ongoing cooperation between the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the United Nations (UN) in different fields, in particular peace, security, humanitarian assistance and refugees and the promotion of dialogue among civilizations;
- **Recalling** the OIC Media Strategy adopted at the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of Information Ministers on 21 December 2016;
- **Referring** to the resolutions on cooperation in the media sector adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers;
- **Noting** with appreciation the efforts of OIC affiliated institutions in the area of information;
- **In a bid** to promote peace and development through making optimal use of media and cultural events;
- 1. **Calls on** the Member States to utilize their media sector to highlight and disseminate information on the achievements and positive stories of OIC member states to socio-economic sectors, particularly in areas covered under the UN Sustainable Development



Goals such as counterterrorism, climate change, humanitarian assistance, migration, disaster risk reduction and preparedness, gender issues, etc.

2. **Urges** the Member States to utilize different means of information and communication channels available, including social media, to disseminate information on contributions of the OIC in promotion of peace, humanitarianism and other regional and global causes for the benefit of the entire Ummah.
3. **Encourages** the press, radio and TV broadcasters in OIC member states to engage in active cooperation in news coverage and reporting through sharing and joint production of media content (news clippings, reports, documentaries and related material).
4. **Supports** the exchange of films and other information and cultural contents (TV drama, documentaries, animation, educational or public awareness media products, etc.) between government as well as media institutions.
5. **Calls on** the related institutions of the OIC, in association with related institutions of the UN, as may be applicable, to facilitate capacity building and strengthening of the media sector in OIC member states. activities may include technical and managerial training for media personnel including holding of seminars and workshops, sharing of facilities and expertise, cooperation in equipment and infrastructure upgradation, exchange of volunteers/interns, etc.
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 50<sup>th</sup> session.

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**RESOLUTION NO.7/49-INF**  
**ON**  
**PROGRESS TOWARD THE LAUNCH OF THE OIC SATELLITE CHANNEL**

*The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).*

- **Recalling** Resolution 6/47-INF on “Progress Toward the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel”, adopted by the Council’s 47<sup>th</sup> session (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 12-13 Rabi Thani II, 1440H (27-28 November 2020);
- **With reference to** Resolution 6/46-INF on “Progress Toward the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel”, adopted by 46<sup>th</sup> session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);
- **With reference to** paragraph 15 of Dakar Declaration of the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018 (28-29 Sha’ban 1439 A.H.), wherein the OIC Information Ministers “reiterate the importance of setting up the OIC satellite channel to share and broadcast useful programmes within the Islamic Ummah and to propagate the true values of Islam”;
- **Based on** Resolution 4/44-INF on “Reaffirmation of the Resolutions of the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 December 2016”, during the 44<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Abidjan on 10 and 11 July 2017;
- **Based on** Resolution 7/11-INF on the “Progress toward the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel”, adopted by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers’ 11<sup>th</sup> session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);
- **Based on** Resolution 1/43-INF regarding “Progress toward the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel”, issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 43rd session (Session of Education and Enlightenment – Path to Peace and Creativity), which took place in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October 2016;
- **Commending** Resolution 2/10-INF on Supporting the Launch of the OIC Online Channel, adopted issued by the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), which was held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 27- 28 April 2015;
- **Based on** Resolution 6/10-INF on the “Progress toward the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel”, issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 10<sup>th</sup> session (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Muslim World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014;

- **Recalling** Resolution 8/9-INF on Launching the OIC Satellite Channel, issued by the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Libreville, Republic of Gabon, 19-20 April 2012), which approved in principle the project of launching an OIC satellite channel under the OIC umbrella, and which had been adopted by the CFM sessions held in the Republic of Djibouti on 15-17 November 2012, in Conakry, the Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013, in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 18-19 June 2014, and in the State of Kuwait on 27-28 May 2015;
- **Taking note of** the two open-ended expert-group meetings on the launch of the OIC Satellite Channel, held at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah, on 23-24 February 2013 and 11 May 2016 respectively; the four meetings of the ad hoc committee, following up the finalization of the launch of the OIC Satellite Channel, comprising Afghanistan, Iran, Türkiye, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Gabon, Palestine, Qatar, Egypt, Mauritania and the OIC General Secretariat, held to discuss the project and its feasibility study, on 12 May 2013, 10 March 2015, 20 October 2015, and 11 May 2016 respectively;
  1. **Commends** the Member States and the OIC General Secretariat for their efforts to launch the OIC satellite channel, through several expert-group meetings both of the Member States and of the ad hoc select follow-up committee on the conclusion of the launching process.
  2. **Takes note of** the adoption, by the Council's 43<sup>rd</sup> session, of the feasibility study on the launch of the OIC Satellite Channel, with reservation on financing section on the launch of the channel, prepared by leading consultants, pursuant to the recommendations of the second open-ended expert-group meeting, held at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah on 11 May 2016, and approves the launch of the satellite channel.
  3. **Calls on** the OIC General Secretariat to continue its endeavors to explore ways to finance the OIC Satellite Channel, in consultation with the OIC Member States, OIC-affiliated institutions and the private sector; and mandates it to take practical steps towards establishing and launching the OIC Satellite Channel at the OIC General Secretariat.
  4. **Commends** the General Secretariat's efforts to create an OIC Web TV streaming channel to broadcast its recorded conferences, meetings, programmes and activities as well as the statements of the Secretary General on certain occasions, meetings with officials, short thematic videos, cultural and economic programmes, etc., pending the actual launch of the satellite channel; and **calls on** the General Secretariat to explore all possible means to secure the necessary financial resources for the launch of this project.
  5. **Invites** the OIC institutions to provide the General Secretariat's Information Department with presentational videos on their work, programmes and activities, to post them on the OIC Channel.
  6. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 50<sup>th</sup> session.

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**Resolution No. 8/49-INF**

**On**

**Endorsement of the Information Affairs Resolution of the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on October 21 and 22, 2022.**

*The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).*

- **Proceeding from** the outcomes of the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye , on October 21 and 22, 2022 AD under the slogan “Combating Media Disinformation and Islamophobia in the Post-Truth Era”;
- **Following** consideration of the Report of the Secretary General on Information Affairs submitted to the forty-ninth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation;
- Decides the following:
  1. **Endorses** the Resolution of the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (attached) and **urges** the implementation of its provisions.
  2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this decision and to submit a report thereon to the 50<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

Annex 1



*OIC/ICIM-12/2022/RES/FINAL*

**RESOLUTION**  
**ON INFORMATION AFFAIRS**  
**ADOPTED BY THE**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF INFORMATION MINISTERS**  
*(Combating Disinformation and Islamophobia in the Post-Truth Era)*

**ISTANBUL, REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE**  
**21-22 OCTOBER 2022**

**Resolution**  
**on Information Affairs**  
**Adopted by the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers**  
**Istanbul – Republic of Türkiye**  
**21 – 22 October 2022**

*The 12<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Combating Disinformation and Islamophobia in the Post-Truth Era.), held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 21-22 October 2022;*

**Recalling** the Resolution No. 76/254 on “International Day to Combat Islamophobia” adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 15 March 2022;

**Recalling** the Resolution No. 32/48-POL on “Combating Islamophobia and Eliminating Hatred and Prejudice Against Islam” adopted by 48<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March 2022;

**Recalling** the Resolution no. 8/48-Pol on “The Jammu and Kashmir Dispute” adopted by 48<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March 2022;

**Expressing** serious concerns and deploring the siege of the Kashmiri population and communications and media blackout in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK);

**Recalling** the Resolution NO. 3/48-C on “Protection of Islamic Holy Places” adopted by 48<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March 2022;

**Recalling** the Resolution NO.1/48-MM on “Safeguarding the Rights of Muslim Communities and Minorities in Non-OIC Member States” adopted by 48<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March 2022;

**Recalling** the resolutions on information affairs of the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March 2022 (Session of Partnering for Unity, Justice, and Development) and the resolutions of the previous sessions of the Council on information affairs;

**Considering** Resolution No. 2/46 INF on the “Launch of International Media Award” adopted by the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Affairs (Session of Fifty Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates” on 1 and 2 March 2019;

**Considering** also the resolutions on information affairs of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 14 and 15 May 2019 (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers Of Peace, Development And Rapprochement of Peoples), and the resolutions of the previous COMIAC sessions on information affairs;

**Referring** to Resolution No. 5/45 INF on “Advancing cooperation in the media sector to promote peace, development and prosperity, including through harnessing the SDGs) of the 45<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development), held in Dhaka, People’s Republic of Bangladesh on 5 and 6 May 2018;

**Recalling** the decisions on information and media in the Final Communiqué adopted at the 13th Islamic Summit titled ‘Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace’) in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 14-15 April 2016;

**Referring** to the principles and goals enshrined in the OIC-2025 Programme of Action on media and public diplomacy, adopted at the 13th Islamic Summit titled ‘Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace’) in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 14-15 April 2016;

**Recalling** all the resolutions of the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 December 2016 (Session of New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia), and the two Reference Documents adopted by the same Session: OIC Media Strategy and OIC Media Strategy in Countering Islamophobia and its Implementation Mechanisms;

**In view** of the principles and goals of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and the Islamic Resolutions affirming the importance of continuing to provide adequate coverage of the cause of Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif in the Arab and Islamic Media;

**Aware** of the important role that traditional and new media can play in strengthening Islamic Solidarity and highlighting the economic, scientific, technological, cultural and tourism capabilities of the OIC Member States to strengthen intra-OIC cooperation;

**Referring** to Resolution 4/10 on Supporting the Implementation of the Special Media Programme Highlighting Africa’s Position and Role in the Muslim World and Extending the Programme to other Region, adopted by the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran on 3 and 4 December 2014 (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and calm in the Islamic World), and approved by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in the State of Kuwait on 27 and 28 May 2015;

**Realizing** the capabilities and potentials that the OIC African Member States have and that need to be highlighted and promoted in the media to raise awareness about them through a special media programme;

**Convinced** of the important and leading role that the Media should undertake in the Member States, as well as the Joint Islamic Media Action Institutions, in the field of peace and development in the Member States;

**In light** of the continuing threat posed by terrorism and extremism to peace and security and the stability of all countries and peoples, especially through messages of incitement posted by extremist and violent extremist groups on social media;

*In view* of the desired benefit of fruitful strategic partnerships among media organizations in the Members States and the Joint Islamic Media Action Institutions on the one hand, and the OIC General Secretariat on the other;

*Having reviewed* the report of H.E. the OIC Secretary General on information affairs submitted to this Session:

1. **Makes an urgent appeal** to the Member States to provide assistance to the State of Palestine to support, develop the capacities of the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation and the Palestinian News and Information Agency (WAFA), in terms of their premises, installations and equipment, and to exchange programmes and expertise with them in this field.
2. **Pays tribute** to the steadfastness of the Palestinian people and **invites** the Member States and the media in those countries to continue to provide maximum media coverage for the suffering of the Palestinian people due to the continuing Israeli aggression, highlight the violations Israel has been committing in its continuous aggression, and inform the entire world of the reality and magnitude of Israeli violations and the humanitarian disaster caused by the Israeli aggression.
3. **Calls on** the Member States to allocate space in their media to shed light on aggression on holy sites in the City of Al-Quds and Israel's practices aimed at Judaizing the holy city and dividing the blessed Aqsa Mosque both spatially and temporally, and counter the decision of the US Administration to recognize Al-Quds as the 'alleged' capital of occupation and relocate its embassy thereto.
4. **Requests** the Member States to instruct their media outlets to organize media campaigns focusing on the different political, economic, cultural, social, and tourism areas in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
5. **Invites** media professionals in the Member States to avail themselves of the spread of social media on the internet to highlight the Palestinian cause and shed light on the Israeli occupation's violations against Palestinians, their property and holy sites.
6. **Calls for** operationalizing the role of the OIC Information Department and other relevant organs, to serve as a platform for expression about the Palestinian Cause.
7. **Underscores** the importance of establishing a media platform for the youth to serve as a free Palestinian youth media framework for the youth to express their vision, initiatives and opinions in a way that serves the walks of national culture and a forum for communication with the youth in the Member States.
8. **Mandates** the OIC General Secretariat, in coordination with Bayt Mal Al Quds Al-Sharif Agency, the executive arm of Al-Quds Committee, chaired by His Majesty King Mohamed VI, King of Morocco, and the Palestinian Ministry of Information, to continue to hold information seminars on Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Al-Aqsa Holy Mosque, and other holy sites; In this regard, the Kingdom of Morocco proposes to host an international seminar on this



subject. This seminar will bring together media and culture experts and representatives of international media institutions, to shed light on media and cultural aspects related to Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

9. **Invites** media outlets in the Member States to intensify the production and exchange of information programmes with Palestinian media outlets and make effective use of the media to present available information material on Israeli aggression, address the international public opinion, project the true image of the Palestinian cause and the suffering of the Palestinian people, and correct the image being presented by the Israeli propaganda machine.
10. **Invites** related institutions of Member States to take necessary steps in combating disinformation and misinformation about the Palestinian people and Israel's unlawful occupation and aggression in the territory of the State of Palestine with a view to presenting the truth about the sufferings of Palestinian people and reporting misinformation and factsheets with their own efforts to SESRIC.
11. **Reiterates its call on** the Member States for investing in the development of media infrastructure, improving professional capacities of media workers, facilitating easy access by the public to information, enhancing OIC media institutions, promoting cooperation against disinformation and deepening coordination among them to advance joint Islamic action in all fields.
12. **Recalling** the EU DisinfoLab's "Indian Chronicles" uncovering a massive operation targeting international institutions and serving Indian interests to undermine primarily Pakistan by disinformation and resurrection of dead media, dead think-tanks, NGOs and dead people.
13. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat to implement the special media programme highlighting Africa's position and role in the Muslim world, including through the organization of an open-ended experts meeting on the implementation of the programme, on 25-26 February 2013 at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah, which yielded important recommendations on the programme implementation.
14. **Calls for** raising Member States' awareness about the negative stereotypes against African Member States by some western media and for refraining from reflecting the same images; and **calls for** the adoption of a system for the exchange of programmes at the bilateral and multilateral levels. The states concerned shall produce the content of this system and the General Secretariat shall share it with all Member States, and the Member States shall be responsible for distributing it to national broadcasting corporations, and **requests** the OIC to coordinate and collaborate with the African Union and other regional bodies on the continent on rebranding the image of the Member States of the African continent.
15. **Reiterates** its call for highlighting the capacities of the African OIC Member States and the role they can play in promoting Islamic Solidarity; **Requests** the Information Department at the OIC General Secretariat, jointly with Member States, to work to ensure the media promotion of the capacities, capabilities, achievements and statistics in the

- African Continent, and include them in media reports to be sent to media institutions through the database of the OIC Information Department; and **commends** the Member States' efforts in this regard.
16. **Commends** the efforts of Bayt Mal Al Quds Al-Sharif Agency, the executive arm of Al-Quds Committee, chaired by His Majesty King Mohamed VI, King of Morocco, to support media institutions and journalistic institutes in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, through introducing "Al-Quds Al-Sharif Award for Journalistic Excellence in Development Media", and announcing the creation of a "Grant for the Promotion of Press and Media Freedoms" and a "Courage and Bravery Medal", awarded by the Agency's Rabat Observatory for Monitoring, Tracking and Assessment, for the best journalistic work defending the values of freedom, justice and peace; Also Commends the scholarships allocated annually by the Agency for journalism and media students in Al-Quds as well as for specialized institutions in order to provide an appropriate environment for research and training, in accordance with modern standards, and keep pace with the ever-accelerating technological developments taking place in this field
  17. **Calls for** combating media activities against Islamic symbols and social norms, such as Hijab, and promoting and better explaining Islamic socio cultural norms to counter disinformation.
  18. **Calls on** the Department of Information of the OIC General Secretariat to organize targeted visit of selected journalists from the Member States on field trips to the interested Member States, who are facing serious challenges such as humanitarian mine clearance, destroyed Islamic cultural heritage resulting from the military aggression and conflicts.
  19. **Commends** the creation of an ISESCO Regional Center for Continued Training of Journalists in Africa, to be based in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, in cooperation with COMIAC and the Center of Studies on Information Sciences and Techniques (CESTI); **calls upon** the envisioned Center to participate actively in the implementation of OIC programmes; **commends** the cooperation between ISESCO and the Khartoum-based Media Training Academy of the Sudan; and **calls for** continued cooperation to train media professionals in Eastern and Central Africa.
  20. **Calls for** initiating an international research conference on the African continent to discuss, every two years, the philosophy of Islam and rejection of racism and discrimination based on gender and colour, and feature a cultural festival.
  21. **Commends** the OIC General Secretariat's efforts to launch the OIC satellite channel, through the numerous expert-group meetings of Member States and the ad hoc select committee mandated to follow up the conclusion of the process of launching the satellite channel.
  22. **Takes note** of the adoption, by the 43<sup>rd</sup> CFM, of the feasibility study on the launch of the OIC Satellite Channel, with reservation on financing section on the launch of the channel, prepared by leading consultants, pursuant to the recommendations of the second open-ended expert-group meeting, held at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah on 11 May 2016, and approves the launch of the satellite channel.

23. **Calls on** the OIC General Secretariat to continue its endeavors to explore ways to finance the OIC Satellite Channel, in consultation with the OIC Member States, OIC-affiliated institutions and the private sector; and **mandates** it to take practical steps towards establishing and launching the OIC Satellite Channel at the OIC General Secretariat.
24. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat leading to the creation of an OIC website online to broadcast live and recorded programmes, having recently purchased cameras and specialized equipment and devices to launch the channel on social media networks (You Tube, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc.) for streaming of live and recorded conferences, meetings, programmes and activities as well as the statements made by the Secretary General on certain occasions and meetings with officials, short thematic videos, cultural and economic programmes, etc., pending the actual launch of the OIC satellite channel. It **calls on** the General Secretariat to examine all possible ways to secure the necessary financial resources for the launch of this project.
25. **Invites** OIC institutions to provide the General Secretariat, represented by the Information Department, with promotional videos on these institutions and their programmes and activities to broadcast them on the OIC Channel.
26. **Underscores** the need to support the work of all joint Islamic action institutions in the field of media (Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA), the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU), the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) in the OIC Member States and the OIC Media Forum (OMF) and the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC)); **underscores** the importance of enhancing synergy among them and improving their effectiveness; and **invites** Member States to pay their contributions to the budgets of these institutions, contribute to their activities effectively, and benefit from the services their offer.
27. **Welcomes** the progress towards the operationalization of the OIC Media Forum (OMF) and calls upon media entities and institutions in the Member States to join the OMF.
28. **Welcomes** the scientific study prepared by the Islamic Countries Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) on “Media Content on Islam in Light of International Law”, and **calls on** the General Secretariat to build on it in joint Islamic media action, and **invites** the ICESCO to circulate this study to competent circles and to media faculties and institutes in Member States to benefit from them.
29. **Requests** Member States to provide financial support to the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA) following the completion of the restructuring process as adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Rabat on 27-28 January 2009 and at UNA General Assembly.
30. **Requests** Member States to provide financial support to the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU) as adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Rabat on 27-28 January 2009, and at the IBU General Assembly; and **commends**

the resolutions adopted by the IBU General Assembly at its meeting held at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, on 24 November 2016.

31. **Calls on** the more active media and social media coverage of deliberate destruction and desecration of Islamic historical and cultural relics and shrines in the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan resulting from the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan with the goal of preventing such wrongful acts in other places.
32. **Expresses** its profound appreciation for the initiative launched by the President of the Republic of Senegal, in his capacity as the chair of COMIAC, to establish an international prize to compensate excellent media outlets and professionals with outstanding contribution to promoting dialogue, tolerance and harmony among cultures.
33. **Lauds** the efforts of the Republic of Senegal, which culminated in the establishment of the *ad hoc* committee on the study and consideration of the terms and modalities of the prize; and commends highly the engagement of the member states and institutions in the said committee.
34. **Commends** the outcomes of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings of the ad hoc committee on the study and consideration of the terms and modalities of the prize, held on 10 April 2017 in Dakar, 30 October 2017 in Jeddah and 13 May 2018 in Dakar respectively; the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting having discussed a preliminary paper on the Prize, including the targeted laureates, the title of the Prize (OIC International Media Prize), the categories of media to participate in the Prize, the themes, and languages of the Prize, and the total cash and in-kind value of the Prize; the second meeting discussed a detailed technical sheet on the Prize, including its objectives, the general conditions of candidates, participating media works, value of the Prize and its categories, winner selection method, organizational structure of the Prize, constitution of the jury and the date of launching the Prize; while the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting finalized discussion of the technical sheet, including the terms and procedure of the Prize, which was enriched with the proposals of OIC member states and institutions.
35. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat in preparing the Prize technical sheet, taking into consideration the views of the member states of the committee on the Prize, including conditions on institutions, candidates and works nominated for the Prize, the value of the Prize, cases of decision not to award the prize, laureates selection method, prize organizational structure; **adopts** the document “Prize Technical Sheet” attached to the present resolution; and calls on the General Secretariat to circulate it to all Member States and media institutions and disseminate among media outlets once the funds required for the Prize are available.
36. **Invites** all Member States, OIC financial institutions and relevant OIC institutions to provide their full support to this initiative, including moral and material support to effectively launch the Prize; it **commends**, in this regard, the outcomes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the OIC International Prize for Outstanding Media and Journalists in the area of promotion inter-cultural dialogue, tolerance and harmony, held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 13 May 2018, which were adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> session of COMIAC in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 14-15 May 2018; such outcomes that include

having the President of COMIAC Coordination Office request COMIAC Chairman, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Senegal, to send letters to the leaders and heads of OIC Member States to finance the Prize.

37. **Reiterates its call** on the Member States to support the General Secretariat's efforts aimed at promoting the OIC's media visibility regarding its leading role in the areas of cultural exchange, development and intercultural dialogue through various media, including social media platforms and information and cultural programs, including:
- a) Enhancing the OIC's use of new media, including social media, to post information material on the OIC's various programmes and initiatives, particularly on the issues of cultural exchange, development, peace and other vital areas addressed by the OIC;
  - b) Organizing forums on media's role in promoting dialogue, cultural exchange and highlighting the OIC's role, programmes and activities in these fields;
  - c) Exchanging experience between the member states both in legislation and implementation in combating disinformation.
38. **Expresses** concern about the spread of disinformation and propaganda, including on the Internet, designed and implemented to mislead, violate human rights, including the rights to privacy and to freedom of expression, spread hatred, racism, xenophobia, negative stereotyping or stigmatization, and incite violence, discrimination and hostility, and emphasizes the important contribution by journalists in countering this trend.
39. **Calls for** an immediate and complete lifting of military siege; removal of the restrictions on movement, communication, peaceful assembly; provision of food and medical supplies; and release of political prisoners in IIOJK.
40. **Calls for** immediate access for the international media outlets and correspondents to IIOJK in the interest of factual reporting and accurate assessment of grave and deteriorating humanitarian and human rights crisis in the illegally occupied territories since August, 05, 2019.
41. **Condemns** the rising wave of Islamophobia, hate speech and hate crimes motivated by the extremist Hindutva ideology under the RSS-BJP dispensation in India that has led to political, economic and social marginalization of Indian Muslims with a growing sense of insecurity, rooted in the failure of the Government of India to provide safety and security to the minorities in India.
42. **Expresses** serious concern at the persecution and arbitrary detention of Muslim journalists including Muhammad Zubair, co-founder of fact-checking website Alt News, for his factual reporting on blasphemous statements made by members of ruling BJP in India and marginalization of Indian Muslims and **urges** the Indian government to stop persecution of Muslim minorities including journalists.

43. **Calls upon** the international community, particularly the United Nations and relevant international human rights, humanitarian and media organizations to hold India accountable for its gross and systematic human rights violations against minorities, particularly Muslims and take immediate measures to save them from impending genocide.
44. **Lauds** the efforts of the Department of Information at the OIC General Secretariat aimed at boosting the capacity and productivity of media professionals by organizing many specialized media training sessions and workshops, including the supervision of a media workshop on “The role of social media in supporting the work of the OIC” held at the General headquarters in Jeddah on 15 November 2018, which gathered 35 participants specialized and active on social media to increase the OIC’s visibility internationally; and organizing a training session in “Social Media Infographics” at the Media Training Center of the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA) on 10-12 April 2018 for journalists and media professionals from OIC institutions, with a view to enhancing their media and technical skills in the optimal use of social media and infographics design.
45. **Calls again** for boosting the capacity and productivity of media professionals and media institutions in the Member States and enhancing cooperation among them, through various means; and **calls on** the OIC General Secretariat to supervise expertise sharing projects among the Member States in various media fields, including:
  - a) **Providing** training programmes to media professionals from the OIC and its Member States on human rights, women, poverty, education, the family, natural disaster preparedness and other issues;
  - b) **Exchanging** professional visits between media professionals from the Member States and the OIC, and among media professionals in the Member States, in order to raise awareness and forge professional communication and cooperation among them;
  - c) **Jointly producing** TV programmes and documentary films on several social and developmental issues in the Member States.
46. **Calls on** the Islamic Countries Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) and other OIC institutions to contribute, through its relevant programmes, to boosting the capacity and productivity of media professionals and media institutions by rehabilitating media professionals in the Member States, in coordination with the Information Department of the OIC General Secretariat.
47. **Expresses** deep concern over all Islamophobic acts and legislations, including ban on the construction of minarets in some non-Member States; prohibition of Muslim perceived attire and attacks on religious places, which contradict the International Human Rights norms as well as the principle of Freedom of Religions, and **urges** the governments concerned, in line with their obligations under international law, to take all necessary measure to repeal such laws with a view to ensuring the full realization of fundamental rights and freedoms of the Muslim Communities living within their area of jurisdiction
48. **Condemns** strongly all incidents and attempts to denigrate the sanctity of the Holy Prophet of Islam and Islamic Symbols under the garb of freedom of speech.

49. **Strongly condemns** the recent statements of officials of Indian ruling party which indicate alarming Islamophobic trends with state patronage warranting a concerted response from the Muslim countries.
50. **Requests** the Secretary General of the OIC to appoint a Special Envoy on Islamophobia to lead collective effort on OIC's behalf as mandated by the Resolution NO. 68/48-POL on International Day to Combat Islamophobia adopted by 48<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March 2022.
51. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat, in cooperation with the Islamic Countries Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) and other institutions, which resulted in the organization of specialized forums and workshops on the issues of terrorism and Islamophobia, particularly holding the first workshop in cooperation with ICESCO and Thomson Foundation on 31 October – 2 November 2017 at the headquarters of the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah with the aim to train media professionals to cover incidents of terrorism and prepare a guide to that end, pursuant to the request made by Their Excellencies the Ministers of Information during the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers; and **welcomes** the outcomes of the first Islamic-European forum for examining ways of cooperation to curb hate speech in the media, the second media workshop to assess and adopt the final version of the draft guide to train media professionals to cover incidents of terrorism, including the technical, information, ethical and legal procedures, organized by the ICESCO on 29 and 30 June 2018 respectively at the headquarters of the Press Club Brussels Europe in Belgium.
52. **Calls on** the media outlets and intellectuals to highlight the fact that terrorism is a universal social phenomenon which has its own causes and types and that it is not a religious phenomenon even as it abuses religion to achieve its objectives and interests.
53. **Calls on** Member States to condemn and incriminate any media that seek to spread and incite terrorism as well as any individuals or parties that exploit the social media platforms to support terrorism.
54. **Emphasizes** the role of the OIC Member States' information vehicles, particularly the new media tools including social media, in insisting on the international combat against terrorism, the showcasing of authentic Islam and the rejection of terrorism, while stressing that Islam is a religion of tolerance which advocates peaceful coexistence among all humans.
55. **Calls for** training programmes to train media cadres capable of dealing with terrorist events and ensuring their appropriate coverage such that they may have the capacity to handle modern-day technologies, in full awareness of the objectives of the Islamic information's message; **calls for** a group of specialists and experts in the areas of security, social, psychological and educational fields to participate in these training programmes.
56. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat **in** coordination with the ICESCO and Thomson Foundation, which resulted in the preparation of a media guide on 'Coverage of

- Incidents of Terrorism: guidelines for journalists”; **adopts** the guide attached to the present report as a reference for training media professionals on how to deal with terrorist incidents; and calls on the General Secretariat to circulate it to all media training centers and media institutions to adopt it as a reference in training journalists, especially on coverage of terrorist incidents.
57. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) to prepare a code of conduct including legislations and legal procedures for the media to counter terrorism; at the request of the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers; and **calls for** finalizing the study to submit it to the 13 Islamic Conference of Information Ministers. IBRAF is advised to cooperate with the Republic of Iraq to benefit from the Code of Conduct of religious discourse.
  58. **Calls for** the consolidation of joint cooperation among the Member States’ media outlets as to the development of the Islamic information product with a view to upscaling their performance in such a way as to better serve the Islamic Ummah’s causes, and to elaborate advanced information messages based on diversity and pluralism such as to contribute to the combat against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.
  59. **Calls for** intensifying efforts and keeping pace with the new information and communication technologies – New media – and to acquire high level professionalism and keep pace with expertise such as to advance the war against terrorism.
  60. **Emphasises** the importance for the OIC General Secretariat to participate in projecting the role of the Islamic States mediawise with regard to the Member States’ efforts in countering terrorism intellectually and practically backed up with facts and figures, as well as the role played by the OIC in terms of assistance in spreading the authentic image of the tolerant Islam which advocates fellowship, mutual love and the spread of peace and security worldwide.
  61. **Encourages** the OIC General Secretariat to produce short films to face up to the terrorist phenomenon through the social media and to launch media campaigns on the social media networks rejecting violence and extremism and **calling** for dialogue and coexistence; and **invites** Member States and institutions to provide financial support to finance the production of these films.
  62. **Calls on** specialists to undertake further researches on the relationship between the misuse of the internet and social media by the violent extremist groups and the factors that push individuals towards extremism;
  63. **Calls on** public and private mass media in the Member States to practice peace and unity-oriented journalism, and to observe credibility and non-interference in the internal affairs of Member States in their news coverage (by Morocco) in their news coverage in OIC Member States experiencing turmoil, such as Libya, Yemen, etc.; and **not to** cause division among citizens of the same country or privilege one group over another, but rather be



advocates of reconciliation, social harmony, unity and social healing in order to have secured nations bringing together all segments of our Muslim peoples.

64. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of the present resolution and **to report** thereon to the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

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