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RESOLUTION 1/12-INF

ON

ISLAMIC INFORMATION AND THE CAUSE OF AL-QUDS AL-SHARIF AND PALESTINE

The 12th Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 16-18 October 2023 (1-3 Rabi` al-Awal) under the theme of “What role for Muslim youth in promoting Islamic values of peace, solidarity and tolerance?”;

Recalling the items 1/10 regarding the support to the Palestinian Cause in the Resolution on Information Affairs adopted by the 12th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Istanbul, Turkiye, on October 21-22, 2022 under the theme of “Combating Disinformation and Islamophobia in the Post-Truth Era .” This Resolution was approved during the 49th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on March 16-17, 2023, under Resolution 7/49-INF.

Based on the Resolution on Information Affairs No. 1/11-INF adopted by the 11th session of COMIAC, held in Dakar, Senegal on May 14-15, 2018, under the theme of “Education and Culture as drivers of peace, development and rapprochement of peoples.

Based on Resolution No. 1/11-INF, regarding the role of media in the OIC Member States, during the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on December 21, 2016;

Proceeding from the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and based on the Islamic Resolutions emphasizing the importance of continuing to provide appropriate coverage of the Cause of Palestine and *Al-Quds Al-Sharif* in Arab and Islamic media;

Reaffirming the Resolutions issued by previous Sessions of COMIAC concerning the Cause of Palestine, *Al-Quds Al-Sharif*, and the occupied Arab territories, including the occupied Syrian Golan Heights and the Lebanese Shebaa Farms;

Commending the efforts made by Bayt Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency, under the noble directives of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, Chairman of “Al-Quds Committee”, to safeguard the identity of the City of *Al-Quds* and its religious, cultural and civilizational character, and to strengthen the steadfastness of its people through supporting and financing of programmes and projects in the health, education and housing sectors, amongst others.

Affirming its full support for the Palestinian political position, which is in conformity with all relevant international resolutions, the resolutions of the UN Security Council, the Legal Opinion of the International Court of Justice of July 9th 2004, and the conferences of the High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 on the applicability of the provisions of the Convention on the territory of the State of Palestine, Al-Quds and the protection of civilians in times of war,

Condemning all acts of aggression committed by Israel, the occupying power, in the city of *Al-Quds* and in the entire occupied territory of the State of Palestine, including its continued construction of illegal settlements and the Apartheid Wall,

Noting that the policies of Israel, the occupying Power, and its practices towards the Palestinian citizens of the occupied State of Palestine, aimed primarily at the elimination of their cultural identity, the obliteration of the Arab and Islamic national character and its dissolution at all levels, including its history and heritage, and its distortion of the historical and geographical facts, in addition to its continuing policy of expansionist colonialism and the policy of racial discrimination, which constitute a flagrant violation of the basic rights of the inhabitants of these lands. These practices call for the need to provide media coverage of the conditions experienced by the Palestinian people, highlight their suffering as Israel, the occupying Power, continues to escalate its aggression against them, and expose the Israeli violations in *Al-Quds* and the entire land of the State of Palestine as well as its attempts to Judaize the Holy City,

Expressing its appreciation for the coverage provided by the media in OIC Member States during the repeated Israeli assaults on Gaza, most recently on the Land Day on March 30th 2018, and the need for more media focus on the human rights violations and war crimes committed by Israel during its aggressions to show the world the reality of these violations and crimes,

Taking into consideration the need to support the organs and bodies of the Palestinian Authority in all fields, particularly in the field of information and communication,

Reaffirming that information and communication organs are among the most efficient tools used by governments and institutions to express their positions and their political, national and cultural identity,

- 1- **Launches** an urgent appeal to OIC Member States to assist the State of Palestine in supporting and developing the capacities – offices, facilities and equipment – of the Palestinian Radio and Television Corporation and the Palestinian News Agency (WAFA), and to exchange programs and expertise with them in this domain;
- 2- **Commends** the steadfastness of the Palestinian people, calls on OIC Member States and their media to continue full media coverage of the suffering of the Palestinian people as a result of the persistent Israeli aggression, to expose the Israeli human rights violations and war crimes, and show the whole world the reality and scale of the Israeli violations and the humanitarian disaster caused by the Israeli aggressions;
- 3- **Requests** the OIC Member States to allocate a space in their media to highlight the aggressions against the sanctities in *Al-Quds* and the Israeli practices aimed at Judaizing the Holy City and dividing the blessed *Al-Aqsa* Mosque spatially and temporally, and to counter the US Administration's decision recognizing *Al-Quds* as the alleged capital of the occupation and relocating its embassy to it;
- 4- **Calls** on the OIC Member States to direct their media to conduct media campaigns focusing on various political, economic, cultural, social and tourist areas in the City of *Al-Quds*;
- 5- **Calls** on the media personnel in OIC Member States to leverage the proliferation of online Social Media to highlight the Palestinian Cause and expose the violations committed by the Israeli occupation against the right of Palestinian people, and their property and holy places;
- 6- **Stresses** the importance of creating a media platform for young people to serve as a free Palestinian youth media space in which young people express their visions, initiatives and views in a manner that serves the national cultural aspects, and constitutes a platform for communication with young people in OIC Member States;

- 7- **Mandates** the OIC General Secretariat, in coordination with “Al-Quds Committee” and the Palestinian Ministry of Information, to organize as soon as possible a symposium on *Al-Quds Al-Sharif* and the aggressions against the blessed *Al-Aqsa* Mosque and all other holy sites;
- 8- **Calls** on the media in OIC Member States to intensify the production and exchange of media programs with the Palestinian media organizations, to utilize the media effectively in presenting the information materials available on the Israeli aggressions, to address the world public opinion, to highlight the Palestinian Cause and the suffering of the Palestinian People, and to correct the image projected by the Israeli media machine;
- 9- **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and to report thereon to the 13th Session of COMIAC.

RESOLUTION 2/12-INF

ON

SUPPORTING THE INFORMATION WORK OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (COMIAC)

The 12th Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on October 16-18, 2023 (1-3 Rabi` Al-Awal 1445) under the theme of “What role for Muslim youth in promoting Islamic values of peace, solidarity and tolerance?”

Based on Resolution 1/49 on the support of the OIC Member States to COMIAC, issued by the 49th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on March 16-17, 2023.

Recalling items 26, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 regarding the support of COMIAC, its projects and activities in the Resolution of Information Affairs issued during the 12th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Istanbul, Turkiye, on October 21-22, 2022, under the theme “Combating Disinformation and Islamophobia in the Post-Truth Era”, which was approved during the 49th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on March 16-17, 2023, under Resolution 7/49-INF.

Based on Resolution 2/11-INF issued during the 11TH Session of COMIAC, held in Dakar, Senegal on May 14-15, 2018, under the theme “Education and Culture as drivers of Peace, Development, and Rapprochement among Peoples”;

Recalling the Resolutions 3/10-INF on the “Role of the COMIAC in coordinating the work of OIC media organs” and 5/10-INF on “Reactivating the activities of COMIAC and Supporting its Coordination Office,” issued during the 10th Session of COMIAC, held in Dakar, Senegal on April 28-29, 2015.

Taking note of Resolution 1/44-INF issued during the 44th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, titled "Youth, Peace, and Development in a Solidarity-based World," held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on July 10-11, 2017, regarding the support of OIC Member States for the COMIAC.

Keen on supporting COMIAC in discharging its duties of, *inter alia*, giving a new impetus to information and culture across the Muslim world in order to introduce the international public opinion to the supreme causes of the Muslim world, including the cause of Palestine and *Al-Quds Al-Sharif*, in addition to countering smear campaigns targeting Islam and Muslims, 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 13th Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace), held in Istanbul, Turkiye, on 14-15 April 2016, which praised Senegal’s efforts to reinvigorate COMIAC and encouraged COMIAC to develop information programs and activities and increase the OIC media visibility, in association with relevant OIC institutions and international partners;

Based on Resolution 3/10-INF on “Supporting the Work of Joint Islamic Media Action Institutions”, issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 10th Session (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Islamic World), held in Tehran, Iran, on 3-4 December 2014, which stresses the need to support the work of all joint Islamic media work

institutions, including the COMIAC, and underlines the importance of enhancing synergy among these institutions, developing their effectiveness, contributing effectively to their work, and benefiting from the services they provide;

Having considered the OIC 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 through 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. **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 representatives from the media, civil society, and the OIC General Secretariat, and which contributed to increasing media visibility for the OIC in Senegal and Africa; Also **pay tribute to** COMIAC for conducting a number of specialized media workshops in 2017, in association with the OIC Information Department and ICESCO.
3. **Encourages** COMIAC to develop journalistic and information programs and activities to ensure greater visibility for the OIC worldwide, in cooperation with COMIAC and relevant OIC institutions, including the OIC Union of News Agencies (UNA), the Islamic States Broadcasting Union (ISBU), the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF), the OIC Media Forum (OMF), and the OIC General Secretariat’s Information Department.
4. **Calls on** all Member States and stakeholders in the Republic of Senegal to provide COMIAC with all the necessary material and logistical support to undertake its leading role of coordinating the OIC media action.
5. **Calls on** all Member States to be aware of the critical financial situation of COMIAC, and the need for them to continuously lend the necessary support to it, including financial and in-kind support, and hosting joint projects and programs proposed and submitted by the Coordination Office of COMIAC to enable it to carry out its mandate on information and culture within the OIC.
6. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 13th Session of COMIAC.

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RESOLUTION 3/12-INF
ON
LAUNCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR MEDIA OUTLETS AND
JOURNALISTS

The 12th Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on October 16-18, 2023 (1-3 Rabi al-Awal 1445) under the theme “What role for Muslim youth in promoting Islamic values of peace, solidarity and tolerance?”

Based on Resolution 2/49 on the “Launch of the OIC International Prize for Media Outlets and Journalists”, adopted by the 49th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on March 16-17, 2023.

Recalling articles 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 regarding the Prize in the Resolution of Information Affairs issued during the 12th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Istanbul, Turkiye, October 21-22, 2022, under the theme “Combating Disinformation and Islamophobia in the Post-Truth Era”, which was approved during the 49th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on March 16-17, 2023, under Resolution 7/49-INF.

Based on Resolution No. 3/11-INF, in the Resolution of Information Affairs, adopted by the 11th Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), held in Dakar, Senegal on May 14 -15, 2018, under the theme “Education and Culture as Drivers for Peace, Development, and Rapprochement of Peoples”

Recalling Resolution 5/10-INF on “Reactivating the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) and Supporting its Coordination Office”, issued at 10th Session of the COMIAC (Dakar, 28-29 April 2015), particularly Operative Paragraph 4 which proposes organizing a TV production contest among OIC Member States’ media outlets, to be run by the Dakar-based COMIAC Coordination Office;

Taking note of Resolution 2/44-INF on “Establishment of an International Prize for Media Outlets and Journalists”, issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 44th Session held in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, on 10-11 July 2017 (Session of “*Youth, Peace and development in a Solidarity-based World*”);

Taking into account the proposed broadlines of COMIAC program of action, contained in COMIAC Chair’s report, adopted by the heads of states and government in the 13th Islamic Summit (Istanbul, April 2016);

Welcoming the commendable efforts of COMIAC Chair to revitalize the Committee;

Convinced of the importance of the role to be assumed by the media in relation to peace and development in the 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 Chair of COMIAC, to establish an international prize for outstanding media outlets and journalists active in dialogue, tolerance and cross-cultural harmony.

2. **Praises** Senegal’s efforts to establish a committee in charge of setting out the terms and conditions of the Prize, and **highly commends** the engagement of states and institutions members of the said committee.
3. **Commends** the outcome of the Prize Committee’s first and second meetings on 10 April 2017 in Dakar and 30 October 2017 in Jeddah, respectively. The Committee examined, in its first meeting, the Prize concept paper (outlining the target population, prize title “OIC International Media Prize”, categories of media outlets/journalists entitled to participate , themes, accredited languages, cash and in-kind value, number of laureates, prize sponsorship, and prize amount), and discussed, in the second meeting, the prize technical paper detailing the prize goals, scope, nomination conditions, submissions, prize amount, prize categories, selection procedure, prize structure, jury, date and venue for the launch of the Prize in 2018.
4. **Invites** all member states, OIC financial institutions and relevant OIC institutions to provide full support – both moral and material – to give effect to the prize.
5. **Based on** Resolution 2/49-INF on “Establishment of the International Prize for Media Outlets and Journalists”, issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on March 16-17, 2023, in particular OP 6 of the Resolution, **the Conference stresses** the need to establish a fund for financing the prize, with its headquarters located in the OIC General Secretariat. The General Secretariat shall open a bank account for this purpose, in fulfillment of the requirements of Art. 14 (Prize Financing) included in the technical paper of the Prize. **It appeals to** all member states, institutions, and individuals to provide financial and logistical support to this prize and to make generous contributions to the fund for financing the prize, which will be opened at the OIC General Secretariat. It calls on the Chairman of COMIAC to contact member states and urge them to support the fund established to finance the prize.
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 13th Session of COMIAC.

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RESOLUTION 4/12-INF
ON
SUPPORTING and COORDINATING THE WORK OF JOINT ISLAMIC MEDIA
ACTION INSTITUTIONS

The 12th Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on October 16-18, 2023 (1-3 Rabi al-Awal 1445) under the theme “What role for Muslim youth in promoting Islamic values of peace, solidarity and tolerance?”;

Recalling Resolution No. 4/49 on strengthening the media work of the OIC and media institutions in partnership with OIC Member States, issued by the 49th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on March 16-17, 2023;

Recalling OP 26 regarding support for joint Islamic media action institutions in the Resolution on Information Affairs, issued by the 12th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, Istanbul, Turkiye, on October 21-22, 2022 under the theme : “Combating Disinformation Islamophobia in Post-Truth Era”, which was approved during the 49th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on March 16-17, 2023, under Resolution 7/49-INF;

Based on Resolution 11/4-INF on Supporting and Coordinating the activities of joint Islamic media action institutions, issued by the 11th Session of the COMIAC, held in Dakar, Senegal on May 14-15, 2018 under the theme “Education and Culture as Drivers for Peace, Development, and Rapprochement among Peoples”;

Based on Resolution 1/10-INF on “Supporting the Restructuring Process of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU), along with support to the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) and the OIC Media Forum (OMF)”, issued by the 10th Session of COMIAC held in Dakar, Senegal, on 28-29 April 2015;

Recalling Resolution 3/10-INF on “Supporting the Work of Joint Islamic Media Action Institutions”, issued by the 10th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Islamic World), held in Tehran, Iran, on 3-4 December 2014;

Recalling Resolution 3/9-INF on “Supporting the Restructuring Process of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU)”, issued by the 9th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Libreville, Gabon, on 19-20 April 2012;

Guided by Resolution 1/40-INF on “Granting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) an Affiliated Institution Status”, adopted by the 40th Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of : Dialogue of Civilizations : Driver for Peace and Sustainable Development), held in Conakry, Guinea, on 9-11 December 2013;

Recalling Resolution 3/40-INF on “Granting the OIC Media Forum (OMF) an Affiliated Institution Status”, adopted by the 40th Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations, Driver for Peace and Sustainable Development), held in Conakry, Guinea, on 9-11 December 2013;

Recalling Resolution 2/8-INF on “Energizing the Sector of Information and Communication in the OIC”, adopted by the 8th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Rabat, Morocco, on 25-28 January 2009;

Having considered the OIC Secretary General’s Report submitted to this Session,

1. **Commends** the efforts of joint Islamic media action institutions (COMIAC, UNA, IBU, the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum, and the OIC Media Forum) in boosting media work, publicizing the OIC activities and programs, and contributing specialized training programs and workshops for journalists across the Member States; and **Calls on** them to coordinate media work among them, such as in conducting joint media projects, activities and programs as part of implementing the resolutions and recommendations of OIC conferences and meetings.
2. **Stresses** the need to support the work of all these institutions; **Calls on** Member States that have not yet acceded to them to do so; and **Invites** all Member States to actively engage in the work of these institutions, to benefit from the services they offer, and to pay their contributions to their budgets.
3. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 13th Session of COMIAC.

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