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**RESOLUTION No. 1/40-INF**  
**ON**  
**GRANTING THE OIC BROADCASTING REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FORUM**  
**(IBRAF) AN AFFILIATED INSTITUTION STATUS**

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),

**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;

**Realizing** that the establishment of cross-border collaborations to share information and experience in order to enhance the cooperation in the field of broadcasting regulation would be beneficial for broadcasting regulatory authorities and/or institutions with similar functions and responsibilities in OIC Member States;

**Recalling** the decisions adopted at the 9th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar on 10-13 October 2010;

**Recalling** the adoption of the Joint Declaration of the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) at the first launching meeting held on 17 November 2011 in Istanbul;

**Recalling** Resolution No. 11/9-INF to establish the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) adopted by the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Libreville, Gabon, on 19 - 20 April 2012;

**Having** adopted the Charter of the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (OIC/IBRAF-2/2012/Charter) at the second annual meeting held on 2-3 October 2012 in Jeddah;

**Encouraging** the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) to create dialogue and cooperation among existing broadcasting regulatory authorities and/or institutions with similar functions and responsibilities in OIC Member States;

**Welcoming** the appointment of Dr. Hamit Ersoy as the first Executive Secretary of IBRAF.

**Reaffirming** that the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation will be the guiding document of the Forum;

**Reiterating** the importance of establishing and safeguarding peace, security and stability in the Muslim world and of providing an environment filled with mutual confidence, cooperation and solidarity among the Islamic countries;

**Having** considered the report of the OIC Secretary General submitted to the Conference:

**1. Encourages** all 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.

**2. Grants** the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) the status of an affiliated institution in the OIC to enable it commence its activities aimed at achieving the exchange of information, opinion and experiences about common issues of audiovisual media services.

**3. Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 41<sup>ST</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**Resolution No. 2/40-INF**

**on**

**Launching OIC Satellite Channel**

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),

**Giving expression** to the spirit of the resolutions adopted by the previous Islamic Summits, in particular the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah, the Dakar Summit, the Council of Foreign Ministers and Islamic Conference of Information Ministers,

**Taking into consideration** the importance of the prominent role of the media, particularly visual media in the age of globalization,

**In response** to the repeated requests made to the OIC General Secretariat by religious institutions, the private sector and civil society in Member States,

**Taking into account** the demand by the participants in the constituent meeting of the Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum, held in Istanbul on 17 and 18 November 2011, who called on the General Secretariat to consider seriously launching an international Islamic satellite channel under the umbrella of the OIC to defend the interests of OIC Member States in the context of Islamic solidarity, pay attention to the issues of the Muslim world, promote Member States' links and project the rich capabilities of Member States in these areas with a view to attracting investments to them,

**Realizing**, in the age of globalization, the urgent need and the crucial importance of a media satellite television channel by the name of OIC under the umbrella of the OIC which would be concerned with Muslim world's issues and defend its interests as an expression of the principles of Islamic solidarity and the key role this channel can play in correcting the image of Islam, in particular with the availability of a private sector that can finance the launching and running of this channel,

1. **Reiterates** support to the resolution adopted by the 39<sup>th</sup> which approved the project of launching an OIC Satellite Channel under the umbrella of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation already approved in principle by information ministers in their 9<sup>th</sup> Session held in Libreville, Republic of Gabon, on 19-20 April 2012.
2. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat which invited its member states to a open-ended meeting held at the headquarters of the OIC General Secretariat on 23-24 February 2012, which discussed all aspects of the project

and took note of the candidature of Egypt, Qatar, Jordan and Turkey to host the headquarters of the OIC Channel, while leaving the issue of the choice of the location of the headquarters to the private sector which will invest in the channel. It also takes note of the constitution of a special committee to follow up the finalization of the launching of the OIC Satellite Channel composed of Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Gabon, Palestine, Qatar, Egypt, Mauritania and the OIC General Secretariat.

3. **Requests** the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 3/40-INF**

**ON**

**GRANTING THE OIC MEDIA FORUM (OMF) AN AFFILIATED INSTITUTION STATUS**

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),

**Recalling** the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), particularly those calling for universal human rights and dialogue among civilizations, which provide the basic grounds for the cooperation among the media members and institutions of the OIC countries and their counterparts worldwide;

**Realizing** that the establishment of an inter-governmental, non-commercial, non-partisan umbrella media organization would be beneficial for uniting international media organizations and government agencies from the member states of the OIC, operating in the OIC region and media organization;

**Recalling** Resolution No. 5/9-INF to establish the OIC Media Forum adopted by the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Libreville, Republic of Gabon, on 19-20 April 2012;

**Recalling** Resolution No. 1/39-INF adopted by the 39<sup>th</sup> Council of Foreign Ministers held in Djibouti on 17 November 2012 on the endorsement of resolutions by the 9<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Information Ministers;

Recalling the Statute and the Declaration on the Establishment of the OIC Media Forum (OMF) adopted at the Preparatory Meeting of the OIC Member States, held on 24-25 June 2013 in Ankara, Turkey, as circulated by the OIC General Secretariat with an official Note Verbale no. (OIC/INF-06/2013/5510) dated 3 October 2013.

**Encouraging** the OIC Media Forum (OMF) to promote equality of access to reliable public information worldwide and provide the highest standards of journalism that emphasise accuracy, balance, fairness and accountability;

**Encouraging** the OMF to become a focal point and to ensure greater exchange of news and information among media members in the OIC countries as well as around the world;

**Reaffirming** that the Charter of the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation will be the guiding document for the Forum;

**Having** considered the report of the OIC Secretary General submitted to the Council:

**1. Welcomes** the establishment of the OIC Media Forum (OFM) with its headquarters in Istanbul and agrees to grant the OMF the status of an affiliated institution in the OIC.

**2. Invites all** OIC Member States to sign the OMF Statute and become members of the OMF.

**3. Invites** all Member States to take the necessary measures, to encourage their national media institutions to collaborate with the OIC Media Forum (OMF).

**4. Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and the 10th Council of Information Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 4/40-INF**

**On External Media Action to Implement the Mechanisms for Correcting the Image of Islam and Muslims in Europe and North America**

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),

**Recalling** Resolution 1/39-INF on Endorsement of the Resolutions issued by the 9<sup>th</sup> ICIM, adopted by the 39<sup>th</sup> CFM (*Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development*) held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 1-3 Muharram 1434 H. (15-17 November 2012);

**Recalling** Resolution 1/38-INF on Information Affairs, in particular the aspect concerning interaction with external media, adopted by 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (*Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development*), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 28 – 30 June 2011,

**Recalling** Resolution 1/37-INF on Information Affairs, in particular the aspect concerning interaction with external media adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (*session of Shared vision of a more secure and prosperous Islamic world*), held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan from 18 – 20 May 2010,

**Recalling** Resolution 1/8-INF on Interaction with External Media, adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on 27 and 28 January 2009,

**Recalling** on Resolution 1/35-INF (section c) on Interaction with External Media, adopted by the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (*session of prosperity and Development*), held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda from 14 – 16 Jumadal Thani 1429H (18-20 June 2008),

**Recalling** Resolution 1/8-INF (COMIAC) on Information Affairs, adopted by the Eighth Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 22-24 Shawwal 1427H (13-15 November 2006),

**Referring** to Resolution 1/8-INF on Interaction with External Media adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on 27 and 28 January 2009 and Resolutions of the 7<sup>th</sup> session of the ICIM held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 20 and 21 Shaaban 1427H (13 and 14 September 2006), in particular paragraph (I) on Interaction with External Media,

**Recalling** the decision of the Third Extraordinary Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005 (Para 7) relating to the need to deal with the external media efficiently in order to enable the Muslim world to present its views on world developments,

**Having considered** the OIC Secretary-General's report submitted to the Conference, particularly the paragraphs thereof relating to the activities and actions of the Secretary-General



to project the tolerant image of Islam and expound his point of view regarding world events and developments,

1. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat on interaction with external media, including holding a workshop with the theme ‘Defamation of Islam and Muslims in the Western Media’ in the Belgian capital, Brussels on 15 and 16 February 2012, and an open-ended experts meeting on external media action on 25-26 February 2013 at the OIC General Secretariat headquarters in Jeddah. The experts meeting made important recommendation; it approved and urged for the implementation of the paper titled ‘Proposal for the establishment of mechanisms to correct the image of Islam and Muslims in Europe and North America’ submitted by the General Secretariat, and the proposal of the State of Kuwait to establish a waqf fund to defend Islam and its values and sacred places with the support of OIC member states and the private sector. The returns of this investment trust fund will be allocated to promoting interaction with external media on issues related to combating Islamophobia and to correcting the distorted image of Islam and defending its sacred places and symbols. The fund would be based in Kuwait. A committee consisting of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the OIC General Secretariat will be formed to promote this fund with a view to providing the financial resources it needs.
2. **Reaffirms** the importance of providing financial means to fund projects on direct interaction with foreign media, which provide financial support to the waqf. The establishment of the fund is a dire necessity for the actual commencement of interaction with external media for the benefit of the Muslim world.
3. **Calls upon** the OIC Ambassadorial groups, particularly in the outside world to pay attention to media action and interaction with foreign media in support of Islamic causes.
4. **Requests** the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 5/40-INF**

**on**

**The Special Media Programme**

**Highlighting Africa's Position and Role in the Muslim World**

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),

**Recalling** Resolution 1/39-INF on Endorsement of the Resolutions issued by the 9<sup>th</sup> ICIM, adopted by the 39<sup>th</sup> CFM (*Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development*) held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 1-3 Muharram 1434 H. (15-17 November 2012);

**Aware** of the potential and capabilities of African countries members of the OIC in all sectors and the need for their promotion and highlighting in the media to raise awareness thereof through a special media programme.

**Recalling** Resolution 1/33-INF (Section 1) on the role of information and communication in advancing the just Islamic causes and projecting its tolerant image, adopted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan from 19 – 21 June 2006,

**Recalling** the decision of the Third Extraordinary Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005 (Para 7) relating to the need to deal with the external media efficiently in order to enable the Muslim world to present its views on world developments,

**Commending** the approaches and measures proposed by the Secretary-General concerning the need to give new impetus to the information and communication sector and to intensify media activities in order to highlight the Organization's activities in Member States' media,

**Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat for endeavoring to implement the Special Media Programme Highlighting Africa's Position and Role in the Muslim World, including the organization of an open-ended experts meeting on the implementation Special Media Programme on 25-26 February 2013 at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah and the important ensuing recommendations.

1. **Calls again** for the projection of the capacities and role the African Member States of OIC can play in promoting Islamic solidarity through a dedicated media programme in Africa which would highlight the continent's position in the Muslim world; and calls on interested member states to undertake the projects included in the media programme of some of them, and in this regard:

- a. **Welcomes** the decision of the Kingdom of Morocco to host the media forum which would target mass media to discuss investment opportunities and shed light on the huge and latent potentials in order to contribute to improving Africa's image in the

media and eliminate negative stereotypes that present Africa as a poor and unstable region. An exhibition as well as a documentary film, folkloric and cultural presentations should be held on the sidelines of the forum to project Africa's capabilities;

- b.* African Member States in the OIC should supervise financing the preparation of a 10 to 15-minute documentary film in the 3 accredited languages of the OIC (Arabic, English and French) on investment potential and opportunities in the African states concerned. The Department of Information in the OIC General Secretariat should circulate the documentary film to all member states to be shown on their television stations;
  - c.* African Member States in the OIC should provide the Department of Information in the OIC General Secretariat with press materials, statistics, data, live pictures and television materials to prepare visual, audio and print media files in the 3 accredited languages of the OIC (Arabic, English and French) on investment opportunities in Africa and how to benefit from them;
  - d.* Launch a media campaign alongside public relations campaign for the Dakar – Port Sudan Railway Line Projects and highlight the investment importance of implementing this historic project;
  - e.* The Department of Information in the OIC General Secretariat should choose journalists from a number of Member States and send them on field trips to some African countries, accompanied by delegates of the Department of Information, in order to have a first hand look and engage with officials there, hold meetings, conduct specialized investigative journalism and promote them in mass media worldwide;
  - f.* Conduct media dissemination of statistics of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) on the figure-backed potentials and capabilities in African countries and include them in press reports to be sent to various mass media using the Department's database;
2. *Requests* the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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