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**TENTH (10TH) SESSION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC
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SESSION: “Youth and Media for Peace and Stability in the Muslim World”

- We, Ministers of Information and Culture of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Member States, participating in the 10th Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 28 to 29 April 2015;
- Aware of the enormity of the numerous and varied challenges facing the Islamic Ummah, and reaffirming our commitment to the objectives of our organization, the OIC, and our support for its initiatives in the areas of information and culture;
- Aware also of the significance of this auspicious opportunity given to us, as Ministers of Information and Culture of the OIC by this 10th Session of the COMIAC, to meet in the Senegalese capital to consider and exchange views on such an important theme: “Youth and Media for peace and stability in the Muslim World;”
- Conscious also of the role of the media in the defense, safeguarding and protection of our common Islamic heritage;
- Convinced of the role played by the OIC in the management of our current world affairs, particularly at the political, economic, cultural and social levels;
- Bearing in mind the numerous and diverse campaigns waged against Islam and Muslims, with the aim of spreading Islamophobia and hurting the image of Islam, a religion of peace, tolerance and love of the other;
- Reaffirming the importance and necessity of disseminating the universal message of Islam calling for peace and solidarity throughout the world and by various appropriate ways and means;
- Reiterating the principle and the need for the reinforcement of joint Islamic action, by diversifying it amongst OIC Member States, particularly in the areas of information and culture;
- Reiterating the constant support of the OIC for the cause of Palestine and Al Quds Al Sharif;
- Taking into account the resolutions adopted by the present session;

1. Appreciate the important role of the media in education and training, and in rapprochement amongst peoples;
2. Underscore the need to make every effort to responsibly utilize the potentialities provided by the new information and communication technologies;
3. Emphasize the importance of the message to be conveyed by the media for the promotion of peace and stability in all States, without forgetting their role of combating all forms of violence, extremism, fanaticism, racism, xenophobia and hatred;
4. Strongly condemn the acts of terrorism perpetrated throughout the world, in the name of our holy religion, by terrorist groups who only tarnish the image of Islam, a religion of peace and love of the other;
5. Encourage and support the actions and programmes by COMIAC and the specialized OIC institutions in the fields of information and culture to counter anti-Islamic campaigns by certain sections of the media.
6. Appreciate the efforts of His Excellency Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal, in revitalizing COMIAC and his interest in the promotion of Islamic values through the Muslim youth and the media;
7. Commend and appreciate the remarkable efforts and initiatives of His Excellency Mr. Iyad Ameen MADANI, Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in the fields of information and culture, and his interventions through the media and at international meetings where he often represents our organization and speaks as the voice of the Ummah;
8. Urge the Muslim Youths to build a better understanding of Islamic values through information and culture;
9. Express our gratitude to the People and Government of the Republic of Senegal for the generous hospitality offered to all participants in this 10th COMIAC Session, which represents a milestone in the march of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Done in Dakar, 29 April 2015