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Resolution No. 1/9-INF
on
The Media in OIC Member States and its Role in Supporting the
Cause of Al Quds Al Shareef and the Blessed Al Aqsa Mosque

The Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development), held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, from 19 to 20 April 2012/ 27-28 Jumada Al-Awal 1433H,

Proceeding from the principles and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and relying on OIC resolutions affirming the need for continued provision of appropriate media coverage of the question of Al Quds Al Shareef and Palestine in the Arab and Islamic media,

Affirming the resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers on the question of Al Quds Al Shareef, Palestine and the occupied Arab territories, including the occupied Syrian Golan, the Lebanese Sheba Farms,

Condemning all forms of Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people, including continued Judaization of Al Quds, settlement, wall building, lands confiscation, continued aggression and siege on the Gaza Strip,

Holding the Israeli government fully responsible for the failure of the international efforts for the peace process and negotiations to succeed, notably the efforts of the international quartet,

Declaring its full support for the Palestinian political position demanding for complete cessation of settlement and Judaization of Al Quds, Israel's acceptance of and commitment to the terms of reference of the peace process and the 1967 border as the basis for a solution in order to start a meaningful negotiation process,

Supporting the efforts of the Palestinian leadership and its turning to the United Nations to obtain membership for the State of Palestine at the United Nations,

Taking into account the need to provide appropriate media coverage for the conditions and plights being experienced by the Palestinian people in the light of continued Israeli occupation and its escalating hostility towards them, and to highlight Israeli violations in Al Quds and continuous attempts to Judaize the holy City,

Taking into account the need to support the organs and agencies of the Palestinian authority in all fields, in particular the information and communication field especially after Israel's attack of media installations, buildings and equipment,

Reiterating that information and communication organs some of the best means used by governments and institutions to change their political, national and cultural positions and identities,

1. *Makes* an urgent appeal to Member States to provide urgent assistance to the Palestinian National Authority to support, rebuild and upgrade the capacities of the Palestinian

Ministry of Information, the Radio and Television Board, and the Palestinian news agency with headquarters, installations and equipment and to exchange programmes and experiences with it in various fields;

2. *Invites* Member States and their mass media to continue to enlighten public opinion about the Palestinian issue by providing maximum media coverage for all aspects of life in the occupied Palestinian land, and highlight the destructive impact left by Israel, the occupying power, and its violation of international law, human rights and war crimes it committed and continues to commit;
3. *Calls* on Member States to provide space in their media to highlight the continued aggression by Israel, the occupying power, on the City of Al Quds and its sanctuaries, including practices targeted at Judaizing the Holy City;
4. *Calls on* the media in Member States to dedicate the last Friday of Ramadan every year as “Al-Quds Day” with programmes focusing on the importance of the City of Al-Quds Al-Shareef;
5. *Appeals* to Member States to continue to monitor developments on the Palestinian question and issue wide-spread publications and audio-visual materials on the various aspects of the Palestinian issue in all fields;
6. *Mandates* the OIC General Secretariat to coordinate with the Al Quds Committee and relevant Palestinian authorities to, as soon as possible, organize series of media symposia as a way of enlightening public opinion about the Palestinian issue, Al Quds Al Shareef and the aggressions against the blessed Al Aqsa Mosque and other holy sites;
7. *Invites* the mass media in Member States to intensify the production and exchange information programmes with Palestinian information organs and make effective use of information organs to present available information materials on Israeli aggression, address the word public opinion, project the true picture of the Palestinian question and the plights of the Palestinian peoples under occupation and correct the image being painted by the Israeli media machine;
8. *Invites* Member States to provide full media support to Palestine’s request for accession to membership of the United nations and its other international organisations offshoots, and spread awareness about this Palestinian effort and its importance in achieving Palestinian national rights;
9. *Invites* all Member States to provide urgent assistance to support the steadfastness of the Palestinians in Al Quds in various aspects to enable them to continue their confrontation of the continuing Judaization campaigns of the Holy City, and to preserve its cultural and religious identity as the capital of the State of Palestine;
10. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution No. 2/9-INF
on
External Media Action by Developing a Comprehensive Media
Plan with the Contribution of Member States and
Ambassadors' Groups in Key World Capitals

The Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development), held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, from 19 to 20 April 2012/ 27-28 Jumada Al-Awal 1433H,

Recalling Resolution 1/38-INF on Information Affairs, in particular the aspect concerning interaction with external media, adopted by 38th session of 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 37th 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 8th 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 35th 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 8th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on 27 and 28 January 2009 and Resolutions of the 7th 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 with the participation of representatives of civil society organisations, journalists, intellectuals and academicians from the Muslim and western worlds, *calls* for the implementation of its proposals in form of a paper and urges for the development of mechanisms for the implementation of this paper;
2. *Calls upon* the supervisory ministerial sub-committee established by a resolution of the 7th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, and composed of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Malaysia, the Republic of Senegal, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Kingdom of Morocco, which is yet to meet, to meet as soon as possible in order to develop a comprehensive action plan – utilizing the services of a team of specialized experts – to address the outside world in the language it understands and using the methods matching its logic and mindset with the purpose of correcting the image of Islam which has been distorted and highlighting its noble message and lofty values;
3. *Stresses* the importance of providing financial capabilities to finance projects relating to interaction with the external media, including the possibility of establishing a fund with the voluntary contribution of Member States, institutions and individuals; since the establishment of such a fund is of dire necessity for the actual commencement of interaction with external media for the benefit of the Muslim world;
4. *Calls upon* the OIC Ambassadorial groups, particularly in the outside world to pay attention to media action and interaction with coordinate their moves in this regard;
5. *Calls* for closer connections and coordination with civil society institutions in the OIC Member States in serving the causes of the Ummah in the information and public relations domains, utilizing the services of the Muslim world youth studying abroad and the Islamic communities in non-OIC Member States;
6. *Requests* the General Secretariat of the OIC to call for an open-ended meeting of the Member States to consider setting up mechanisms for the implementation of the resolution on 7 and 8 October 2012 at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah;
7. *Requests* the OIC Secretary General to organize with UNESCO in 2013 a conference on dialogue among religions that would bring together Western and Islamic states’ mass media;
8. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution No. 3/9-INF
on
Supporting the Restructuring Process of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA)
and the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU)

The Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development), held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, from 19 to 20 April 2012/ 27-28 Jumada Al-Awal 1433H,

Recalling Resolution 1/38-INF on Information Affairs, in particular the aspect concerning interaction with external media, adopted by 38th session of 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 37th 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 4/8-INF on Finalizing the Restructuring of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU) and supporting the Department of Information at the General Secretariat, adopted by the 8th session of the Islamic conference of Information Ministers held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on 27 and 28 January 2009,

Relying on Resolution 1/35-INF Section (B) on Finalizing the Restructuring of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU), adopted by the 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (*Session of Prosperity and Development*) held in Kampala, Uganda on 14-16 Jumada II 1429H (18-20 June 2008),

Recalling also Paragraph 170, section on information, of the Final Communiqué of the 11th Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 6-7 Rabiul Awwal 1429H (13-14 March 2008),

Recalling Resolution 2/34-INF on Implementing the Resolutions on Restructuring IINA and ISBU, adopted by the 34th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Islamabad, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan from 28 to 30 Rabiulthani 1428H (15-17 May 2007),

Recalling also 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),

Recalling the resolutions of the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 20 – 21 Sha’ban 1427H (13 – 14 September 2006), particularly paragraphs 4 and 5 relating to the restructuring and development of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the Islamic States Broadcasting Organization (ISBO), while

turning the latter into the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU) with the purpose of opening new information fields and prospects for the benefit of the Member States of the Organization,

Referring to the outcome of the First Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) held on 27 February 2007 in Riyadh, and the First Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU) held on 28 February 2007 in Riyadh,

Recalling the decision of the Third Extraordinary Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005 (Para 7) concerning the need to evaluate the current situation of IINA and IBU and to examine ways and means to energize the role of information and its mechanisms in the OIC system,

Taking note of the 24th Session of the Executive Board of IINA on 14-15 January 2009 in Jeddah which recommends the approval of the comprehensive study consisting of the organizational restructuring and financial and personnel rules and regulations which was prepared by the leading consultancy firm Price Waterhouse Coopers in Al-Juraid,

Expressing thanks to the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) for financing the two studies on the restructuring of IINA and IBU,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, particularly the parts thereof relating to IINA and IBU,

1. *Supports the process* of restructuring of both the IINA and the IBU as adopted by the 8th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Rabat on 27 and 28 January 2009 and in the General Assembly of the two organizations;
2. *Calls on* Member States to pay their mandatory contributions to the budget of the IINA and ISBU and calls for the two organizations to be made the media arm of joint Islamic action. It also *calls on* Member States to contribute effectively to the work of this institutions and to benefit from the services they offer;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 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

The Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development), held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, from 19 to 20 April 2012/ 27-28 Jumada Al-Awal 1433H,

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

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,

1. *Appreciates* the role of all institutions active in the OIC system and *calls on* them to contribute to highlighting their roles in various mass media;
2. *Takes note* of the “Course in Training Journalists to Counter Stereotypes about Islam and Muslims in Western Media”, offered by ISESCO, commends the programme and *calls on* Member States to implement it in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and ISESCO;
3. *Calls on* these institutions to coordinate with the Department of Information at the General Secretariat with a view to projecting media-wise and acquainting the Muslim world with their important role which contributes to bolstering joint Islamic action;
4. *Requests* the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution No. 5/9-INF
on
Establishment an OIC Journalists Forum

The Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development), held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, from 19 to 20 April 2012/ 27-28 Jumada Al-Awal 1433H,

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

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

Relying on Resolution 1/35-INF (section A) on the Information and Communication Sector adopted by the 35th 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 1/33-INF (Section 1) on the role of information and communication in advancing the just Islamic causes and projecting its tolerant image, adopted by the 33rd 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,

1. *Stresses* the importance of media coordination among media institutions in Member States and *invites* them to contribute to projecting the important role played by the Member States and the OIC in the service of the Islamic Ummah through various activities and programmes in different areas through all local and foreign mass media;
2. *Calls* on the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation to establish an "OIC Journalists Forum" to unite the journalists, foster communication among them, and strengthen cooperation and partnership with the International Federation of Journalists;

3. *Requests* the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution No. 6/9-INF
on
The Proposal of a Special Media Programme
Highlighting Africa's Position and Role in the Muslim World

The Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development), held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, from 19 to 20 April 2012/ 27-28 Jumada Al-Awal 1433H,

Aware of the capacities and potentials of the of the African Member States of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation in various sectors but which need to be projected and promoted in the mass media to create awareness about them in 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 33rd 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,

1. *Calls* 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 during the 9th session. The said media programme should include the following:
 - i) Holding a media forum to be hosted by an African Member State of the OIC which would target the mass media to discuss investment opportunities and shed light on its 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;
 - ii) Africa Member States in the OIC should supervise financing the preparation of 10 – 15 minute documentary film in the 3 accredited languages of the OIC (Arabic, English and French) on investment potentials 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;

- iii)* 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;
 - iv)* Launch a media campaign alongside public relations campaign for the Dakar – Port Sudan Railway Line Projects and highlight the investment importance of actualizing this historic project;
 - v)* 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 same in mass media worldwide;
 - vi)* 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 10th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution No. 7/9-INF
on
Opening of Media Offices

The Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development), held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, from 19 to 20 April 2012/ 27-28 Jumada Al-Awal 1433H,

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

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

Recalling Resolution 1/35-INF (section A) on the Information and Communication Sector adopted by the 35th 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 1/33-INF (Section 1) on the role of information and communication in advancing the just Islamic causes and projecting its tolerant image, adopted by the 33rd 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,

1. *Takes note* of the approval by the OIC Ministers of Information and Communication during the 8th session of the ICIM of the proposal to open overseas media offices. In this regard, *calls for* the appointment of a media attaché in OIC missions in the outside world and *invites* the General Secretariat to prepare a comprehensive study on the opening of media offices in major world capitals;
2. *Calls on* each Member State to open media coordination offices at their own expense in order to coordinate and exchange information with the Department of Information at the General Secretariat and affiliated media organs of the OIC;

3. *Calls on* Member States to provide necessary financial support to the OIC General Secretariat to implement this resolution and *calls on* the Permanent Finance Committee to provide necessary financial resources in the budget of OIC General Secretariat to implement this resolution;
4. *Requests* the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution No. 8/9-INF
on
Launching of OIC Satellite Channel

The Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development), held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, from 19 to 20 April 2012/ 27-28 Jumada Al-Awal 1433H,

Giving expression to the spirit of the resolutions adopted by the previous Islamic Summits, in particular the 3rd 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 numerous requests made to the OIC General Secretariat by religious institutions, the private sector and civil society in Member States,

Taking into account the request 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 seriously to consider launching an international Islamic satellite channel under 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 Islam's image, in particular with the availability of the private sector that can finance the launching and running of this channel,

1. *Approves* in principle the project to launch the OIC Satellite Channel under the umbrella of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation;
2. *Calls for* the establishment of an open ended committee of Member States with the mandate to consider all aspects of this project with its first meeting to be held on 30 September- 1 October 2012 at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah. States that are unable to attend may send their proposals in this regard;
3. *Requests* the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution No. 9/9-INF
on
Ensuring Implementation of Resolutions of Previous ICIM Sessions

The Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development), held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, from 19 to 20 April 2012/ 27-28 Jumada Al-Awal 1433H,

Consistent with Article 1(20) of the Charter of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation which provides: “To promote cooperation in social, cultural and information fields among the member States,

Aware of the important role the media can play to support joint Islamic action among Member States of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation,

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,

Recalling the resolution adopted by previous sessions of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers,

1. *Urges* Member States to implement the resolutions of the previous sessions of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers;
2. *Calls upon* Member States to provide the OIC General Secretariat with information about those resolutions that have been implemented so that it can have knowledge of know and *inform* all States about developments in this regard;
3. *Calls on* Member States to regularly provide the Department of Information of the General Secretariat with information on the implementation of resolutions adopted by sessions of the ICIM; the OIC General Secretariat is to circulate this information to all Member States;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Conference to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution No. 10/9-INF
on
Activating Cooperation between the OIC and the
Global Digital Solidarity Fund (GDSF)

The Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development), held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, from 19 to 20 April 2012/ 27-28 Jumada Al-Awal 1433H,

Recalling Resolution No. 3/83-INF on Supporting the Global Digital Solidarity Fund, adopted by the 38th 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 2/37-INF on Supporting the Global Digital Solidarity Fund, adopted by the 37th 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 5/8 – INF on Supporting the Digital Solidarity Fund adopted by the eighth session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on 27 and 28 January 2009,

Recalling Resolution 2/35-INF on Supporting the Global Digital Solidarity Fund adopted by the thirty-fifth 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 No. OIC/SUM-11/2008/INF/RES/FINAL adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 6 to 7 Rabiul Awwal 1429H (13 – 14 March 2008),

Recalling Resolution No. 1/8-INF (COMIAC) on Information Matters adopted by the 8th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 22 to 24 Shawwal 1427H (13-15 November 2006), particularly Paragraph (I) on the Digital Divide, which called on Member States as well as the competent Information and Communication Technology (ICT) institutions and organizations and the private sector to contribute financially to the Global Digital Solidarity Fund,

Recalling Resolution No. 3/33-INF on the implementation and follow-up of the conclusions of Phase II of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) held in Tunisia in 2005, which was adopted by the 33rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, from 23 to 25 Jumada I 1427H (19-21 June 2006),

Recalling the resolutions of the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM) held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 20-21 Shaaban 1427H (13-14 September 2006), particularly Paragraph (f) on “the Digital Divide”, which called on the Member States as well as the competent ICT institutions and organizations and the private sector to contribute financially to the Global Digital Solidarity Fund, which was launched on 14 March 2005,

Proceeding from the provision adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005 (Paragraph 7), which called on the Member States to voluntarily support the Global Digital Solidarity Fund in order to allow the OIC to participate fully in the campaign to bridge the digital divide,

Referring to United Nations Resolution A/RES/60/1 adopted on 16 September 2005, which welcomed the establishment of the Global Digital Solidarity Fund and expressed the hope of the United Nations for voluntary contributions to be made toward its financing,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on information affairs submitted to the conference, particularly in relation to the Global Digital Solidarity Fund,

1. *Urges* the OIC Member States which have not yet done so to join the Global Digital Solidarity Fund at the earliest and *contribute* to its financing;
2. *Commends* the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the OIC General Secretariat and the Global Digital Solidarity Fund, and *invites* them to collaborate closely for the implementation of Resolution No.OIC/SUM-11/2008/INF/RES/FINAL adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Dakar on 13-14 March 2008;
3. *Encourages* the Global Digital Solidarity Fund and the OIC General Secretariat to launch a major program for the provision of 500,000 computer sets for the least developed OIC Member States and to provide training in information technology to these states.
4. *Supports* least developed OIC Member States to migrate to digital television, given that terrestrial analogue television would be phased out in Africa and Western Asia in 2015;
5. *Supports* least developed OIC Member States wishing to finance and *execute* the information technology and communication projects;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Conference to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution No. 11/9-INF
on
OIC Member States Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF)

The Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development), held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, from 19 to 20 April 2012/ 27-28 Jumada Al-Awal 1433H,

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,

Recalling the resolutions of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), particularly those adopted at its Ninth Session held in Dakar, Senegal, on 10-13 October 2010 relating to the proposal made by Turkey on the establishment of the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum in the Report of the Senior Officials Meeting Preparatory to the 9th Session of COMIAC,

Recalling the Joint Declaration which declares the establishment of the OIC Member Countries Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) which was adopted at the Kick-off Meeting of the Forum held in Istanbul on 17-18 November 2011,

Expressing that the need for close cooperation and dialogue among regulatory authorities resulted in the improvement of various international platforms among European regulatory authorities like European Platform of Regulatory Authorities, web-site: www.epra.org (EPRA), Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities, web-site: www.rirm.org (MNRA) and Black Sea Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum, web-site: www.braf.info (BRAAF); the development of IBRAF would be to the great interest of all the regulatory authorities of OIC Member States,

Realizing that the strengthening of cross-border collaborations to share information and experience in order to enhance cooperation in the field of broadcasting regulation would be beneficial for broadcasting regulatory authorities in the OIC member states; reinforcement of the IBRAF would ensure dialogue and cooperation among existing broadcasting regulatory authorities and/or institutions with similar functions and responsibilities in OIC Member States,

Observing that the IBRAF would not only constitute an open platform for discussions on a wide range of relevant topics related to broadcasting regulators of the Member States but also serve to the specific foundation aims of the OIC,

Noting that the main functions and aims of the Forum which are referred in the Joint Declaration are: to promote dialogue between broadcasting regulatory authorities; to promote cooperation among broadcasting regulatory authorities; to provide a forum for exchange of information, views and experiences about common topics of broadcasting; to provide a forum for discussion

to problems regarding broadcasting; to provide a forum for discussion in a wide variety of audiovisual matters,

1. *Establishes* the OIC Member States Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF);
2. *Invites* the OIC Member States to participate in the constitutive meeting of the IBRAF, which would be hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Jeddah on 2 – 3 October 2012;
3. *Invites* the OIC Member States to support IBRAF and participate in it through their own regulatory authorities and/or institutions tasked with similar duties and responsibilities;
4. *Requests* Member States to set up a broadcasting regulatory authority if they are yet to have one;
5. *Requests* the OIC Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the Tenth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM).

Resolution No. 12/9-INF
on
Cooperation within the OIC Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development), held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, from 19 to 20 April 2012/ 27-28 Jumada Al-Awal 1433H,

Recalling Resolution No. 4/38-INF on Supporting the OIC Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC CERT) adopted by the 37th session the Council of Foreign Ministers (*Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development*), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 28 – 30 June 2011,

Recalling resolution 3/37 – INF on Supporting the Organization of the Islamic Conference Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC CERT) adopted by the thirty-seventh session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (*Session of Shared Vision for a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World*), held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, from 18 – 20 May 2010,

Recalling the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), particularly those calling for promoting solidarity among the Islamic countries and strengthening capacities to protect their security, sovereignty, independence and national rights,

Recalling resolution no. 2/36-INF on Granting the Computer Emergency Response Team (OICCERT) an Affiliated Institution Status, adopted by the Thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (*For Enhancing Islamic Solidarity*), held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic (23 - 25 May 2009),

Recalling the recommendations of the meeting of the OIC Member States Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC CERT) held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 14 and 15 January 2009, with the participation of experts from 16 Member States representing institutions specializing in information and network security in these countries, and the arrangements adopted to establish the team and produce a document on the terms of reference containing the objectives, administrative structure, activities and membership conditions,

Recalling Resolution No. 3/35-INF on Collaboration of Computer Emergency Response Team (OICCERT) among the OIC Member States, adopted by the 35th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda from 18 - 20 June 2008,

Expressing its concern that these technologies and means can potentially be used for purposes that are inconsistent with the objectives of maintaining international stability and security and may adversely affect the integrity of the infrastructure of Member States to the detriment of their security in both civil and military fields, such as cyber attacks, hack threats, intrusion worms, viruses or fraud,

Realizing that the nature of the internet and cyberspace are not restricted to the physical boundary of a country, hence the need to establish cross-border collaborations to share information and initiatives to counter cyber threats,

Having considered the report of the OIC Secretary General submitted to the Conference,

1. *Encourages* all Member States to take the necessary measures, to urge their national Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) or similar agencies to collaborate with the OIC-CERT which is now an OIC Affiliated institution in order to establish a grouping dedicated to providing support and responding to computer security incidents;
2. *Invites* those Member States which are yet to join the OIC-CERT, to do so and to extend the necessary support to it in order to enable it to continue its activities aimed at realizing security and cooperation in the area of IT which has become a crucial factor in achieving development and stability;
3. *Invites* Member States to benefit from the training programmes being offered by the Team to transfer expertise in the area of information security;
4. *Calls* for an OIC-CERT workshop to be held at the OIC General Secretariat Headquarters in Jeddah and *invited* the Islamic Development Bank to kindly finance the cost of holding this workshop in order to discuss issues of information security of Member States and obtain information about the latest developments and future plans in this regard;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Conference to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.
