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RESOLUTION NO. 1/42 – INF ON

RATIFICATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF THE 10TH SESSION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF INFORMATION MINISTERS HELD IN TEHRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN ON 3 AND 4 DECEMBER 2014

The Forty-second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of joint vision to strengthen tolerance and reject terrorism) held in Kuwait City, State of Kuwait from 9-10 Sha'baan 1436H (27-28 May 2015),

Pursuant to the resolutions adopted by the 10th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3 and 4 December 2014 annexed to this resolution,

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on information affairs submitted to the 42nd session of the Council of Foreign Ministers,

Decides as follows:

- 1. To ratify the resolutions of the 10th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers and to urge its implementation;
- 2. To request the Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report in that regard to the 43rd session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

Resolution No. 1/10-INF

on

Resolution 1/10-INF on Role of the Media in OIC Member States in Supporting the Cause of Al Quds Al Shareef and the Al Agsa Holy Mosque

The Tenth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in Islamic World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic on Iran, on 03-04 December 2014;

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 and the Lebanese Sheba Farms,

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

Holding Israel fully responsible for the failure of the international efforts for the peace process and negotiations to succeed.

Condemning the 2014 Israeli regime military aggression on Gaza Strip, which caused hundreds Palestinian civilian casualties, including 800 children and destruction of civilian property and infrastructure.

Declaring its full support for the Palestinian political position demanding complete cessation of settlement and Judaization of Al Quds.

Supporting the efforts of the Palestinian leadership at 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 State of Palestine in all fields, in particular the information and communication field especially after Israel's shelling of media installations and buildings and the destruction of their equipment;

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

- 1. *Makes* an urgent appeal to Member States to provide urgent assistance to the State of Palestine to support, rebuild and upgrade the capacities of the Palestinian Ministry of Information, the Public Broadcasting Corporation, and the Palestinian News and Information Agency (WAFA), in terms of their headquarters, installations and equipment, and to exchange programmes and experiences with them in various fields;
- 2. *Requests* the OIC Member States to give all the support needed to the Palestinian people and leadership in their efforts to have the full membership of the United Nations and the same support to acquire a Security Council resolution to put an end in a limited time frame to Israeli occupation.
- 3. *Invites* Member States and their mass media to continue to enlighten the public opinion about the Palestinian cause by providing maximum media coverage for all aspects of life in the occupied Palestinian land, and highlight the destructive impact caused by Israel, the occupying power, and its violations of international law and human rights, and the war crimes it has been committing;
- 4. *Calls* on Member States to provide space in their media to shed light on the continued aggression by Israel, the occupying power, on the City of Al Quds and its holy sites, including its practices aimed at judaizing the holy city;
- 5. *Calls on* the media in Member States to dedicate the last Friday of the month of Ramadan every year as "Al-Quds Day", with programmes focusing on the importance of the city of Al-Quds Al-Shareef;
- 6. Appeals to Member States to continue to monitor developments of the Palestinian cause and issue wide-spread publications and audio-visual materials on the various aspects of the Palestinian question in all fields;
- 7. *Commends* the efforts of Bayt Mal-Al-Quds Agency of Al-Quds Committee in financing the restoration of the precincts of Al-Aqsa Mosque and projects in the areas of housing, health, culture, social affairs, youth and sports, as well as the restoration of mosques and monuments in the city; and underscores the resolutions adopted by Al-Quds Committee.
- 8. *Mandates* the OIC General Secretariat to coordinate with the Al Quds Committee and relevant Palestinian authorities to organize, as soon as possible, series of media symposia

- with a view to enlightening the public opinion about the Palestinian issue, Al Quds Al Shareef and the aggressions against the Al Aqsa Holy Mosque and other holy sites;
- 9. *Calls* on the General Secretariat of the OIC to coordinate and follow-up all issues pertinent to defending the Islamic-Christian identity of Al-Quds in the face of Judaization and expose the criminal actions committed by Israel in the media.
- 10. *Invites* mass media in Member States to intensify the production and exchange of 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 presented by the Israeli media machine;
- 11. *Calls* for establishing a Committee to develop an elaborate action plan aimed at supporting Palestine in the area of media and communication.
- 12. *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, and spread awareness about this Palestinian endeavor and its importance in achieving the Palestinian national rights;
- 13. Constitute a committee to prepare a comprehensive action plan to support Palestine in the field of media and communication.
- 14. 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 campaigns aimed at judaizing the holy city, and to preserve its cultural and religious identity as the capital of the State of Palestine;
- 15. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution No. 2/10-INF

on

Internal and External Media Action of OIC Information Department in Partnership with OIC Member States' and international media institutions

The Tenth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in Islamic World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic on Iran, on 03-04 December 2014;

Recalling Resolution 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 adopted by the 9th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Libreville, Republic of Gabon, on 19-20 April 2012,

Proceeding from 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 on 28–30 June 2011,

Proceeding from 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 on 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,

Proceeding from item 'c' of Resolution 1/35-INF 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 Jumad al-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 the Resolution adopted by the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM) held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 20-21 Shaban 1427H corresponding 13-14 September 2006, particularly paragraph (First) concerning external media action,

Referring to Resolution1/8-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 the 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 Islamic 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 actions and activities 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 in interacting with external media, and emphasizes the importance of providing financial means in order to finance activities related to direct interaction with foreign media, the consideration of the establishment of a fund to which Members States, institutions and individuals shall make voluntary contributions, 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;
- 2. *Urges* the OIC General Secretariat, represented by its Information Department and institutions of joint Islamic media action working in the framework of the OIC to take media action within and outside Member States, in cooperation with media institutions in Member States and international media institutions in order to ensure that the voice of the OIC is heard by all through joint media programmes and projects for the benefit of the OIC, and to contribute to correcting the distorted image of Islam and Muslims;
- 3. *Invites* OIC Ambassadorial groups, particularly in non-Member States, to attach importance to media action and to interact with foreign media in order to support Islamic causes;
- 4. *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, and seek the help of the youth of the Muslim world studying abroad and Islamic communities in non-OIC Member States;
- 5. Condemns biased Western media campaigns against the State of Qatar, which question the latter's eligibility to organize the 2022 World Cup, and some Western media's insistence on spreading false and prejudiced information aimed at questioning its eligibility to organize the 2022 World Cup, despite Qatar's bid winning the organization of the mondial through fair and transparent competition. It underlines that holding 2022 World Cup in the State of Qatar, an OIC Member State, is in itself an achievement of all OIC countries and a right of all the peoples of the Muslim world. It therefore invites joint Islamic action institutions and mass media in OIC Member States to support the State of Qatar in refuting disinformation and incitement by some Western media in this regard;

6. *Requests* the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers;

Resolution No. 3/10-INF

on

Supporting the work of joint Islamic media action institutions

The Tenth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in Islamic World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic on Iran, on 03-04 December 2014;

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

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

Based on section (a) on Activating the Information and Communicator Sector in the OIC of Resolution 1/35-INF 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, on 14-16 Jumada *al-Thania* 1429 H (18-20 June 2008);

Recalling paragraph (1) of Resolution 1/33-INF on the Role of Information and Communication in Promoting the Just causes and Image of Islam adopted by the 33rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 19-21 June 2006;

Proceeding from the decision of the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005 (Para 7) on the need to deal with foreign media in an effective manner to enable the Muslim world to expose its point of view of the developments at the international scene;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation to the Conference;

- 1. *Supports the process* of restructuring the IINA 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 organization;
- 2. Supports the process of restructuring 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 IBU, commends resolution of the General Assembly of the IBU held at the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Jeddah on 26 November 2014 regarding conducting a supplementary study for the restructuring process based on the previous study;

- 3. *Underscores* the need to support the work of all joint Islamic media action institutions (International Islamic News Agency (IINA), Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU), the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF), the OIC Media Forum (OMF), the OIC Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT), and the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), and emphasizes the importance of enhancing synergy among them and improving their effectiveness and invites Member States to pay their contributions to the budgets of all these institutions, contribute to their activities effectively, and benefit from the services their offer;
- 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 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 4/10-INF

on

Supporting the Implementation of the Special Media Programme Highlighting Africa's Position and Role in the Muslim World and the Adaption of the Programme to other Regions

The Tenth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in Islamic World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic on Iran, on 03-04 December 2014;

Cognizant of the capabilities and potential of the OIC African Member States in various sectors, which they need to highlight and promote in the media to raise awareness thereof through a special media programme;

Recalling Resolution 6/9-INF on the Proposal of a Special Media Programme Highlighting Africa's Position and Role in the Muslim World, adopted by the 9th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Libreville, Republic of Gabon, on 19-20 April 2012;

Recalling Resolution 5/40-INF adopted by the 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, on 6-8 Safar 1435 H. (9-11 December 2013);

Recalling paragraph (1) of Resolution 1/33-INF on the Role of Information and Communication in Promoting the Just causes and Image of Islam adopted by the 33rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 19-21 June 2006;

Proceeding from the decision of the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005 (Para 7) on the need to deal with foreign media in an effective manner to enable the Muslim world to expose its point of view of the developments at the international scene;

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. Commends the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat to implement the special media programme highlighting Africa's position and role in the Muslim world, including the organization of an open-ended experts meeting on the implementation of the programme on 25-26 February 2013 at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah and the important recommendations it made;
- 2. *Calls* for raising Member States' awareness about the negative stereotypes against African Member States by some western media and to refrain from reflecting the same images, and calls for the adoption of a system for the exchange of programs at the bilateral and

multilateral levels. The states concerned shall produce the content of this system and the General Secretariat shall share it with all Member States, and the Member States shall be responsible for distributing it to national radio and television authorities;

- 3. Calls again for highlighting the capacities of African OIC Member States and the role they 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 this media programme or some of them, including:
 - a. Welcomes the decision of the Kingdom of Morocco to host the Media Forum intended to shed light on African Member States' history, culture and huge economic potential, in order to contribute to improving the image of Africa in the media and eradicate the negative stereotypes presenting the African continent as an area of poverty and instability. A fair and media and cultural events are supposed to be held on the sidelines of the forum.
 - b. Calls on OIC Member States to finance and supervise the production of a 10 to 15 minutes documentary in the three official languages of the OIC (Arabic-English-French) on the capabilities and investment opportunities in the African Member States concerned. The Information Department of the OIC General Secretariat would circulate the documentary to all OIC Member States for broadcasting in their television channels.
 - c. Calls on OIC African Member States to share with the Department of Information in the OIC General Secretariat with press materials, statistics, data, pictures, audio and television materials in the 3 official languages of the OIC (Arabic, English and French) on various issues for use in OIC publications and events and for dissemination to media outlets in OIC Member States.
 - d. Invites Member States to shed light in the media on the Dakar-Port Sudan railway project and the investment importance of this huge project.
 - e. Calls on the Department of Information in the OIC General Secretariat to choose journalists from a number of Member States and send them on field trips to some African Member States, accompanied by delegates of the Department of Information, in order to have a firsthand look and engage with officials there, meet community members, conduct specialized investigative journalism and report back in their media.
 - f. Requests the Department of Information in the OIC General Secretariat to ensure media circulation of the statistics and reports 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 their inclusion in press reports to be sent to various mass media using the Department's database.
 - 4. *Calls* for supporting similar media programmes to be implemented in other regions of the Muslim world.
- 5. *Requests* the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 11th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 5/10-INF

on

Media Coordination and Cooperation between the OIC and its Institutions to Serve the Causes of the Muslim Ummah

The Tenth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in Islamic World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic on Iran, on 03-04 December 2014;

Recalling 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, adopted by the 9th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Libreville, Republic of Gabon, on 19-20 April 2012;

Proceeding from 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, while enhancing synergies and effectiveness and avoiding duplication;
- **2.** *Invites* institutions working within the OIC system, particularly media institutions, to cooperate and coordinate with the OIC General Secretariat, represented by the Information Department, to highlight the actions being carried out by these institutions in the media and raise awareness of the Muslim world of their important role which contributes to the consolidation of joint Islamic action to the benefit of the Muslim Ummah
- **3.** *Invites* the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission to cooperate and coordinate with the OIC General Secretariat, represented by the Information Department, on highlighting its activities and issues of concern to it in the media.

- **4.** *Takes note* of the "Course in Training Journalists to Counter Stereotypes about Islam and Muslims in Western Media", offered by ISESCO and adopted at the 9th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers; and invites Member States to adopt it as a reference in their journalism and media institutes for the training of journalists, and the OIC General Secretariat to utilize it in training journalists to counter stereotypes on Islam and Muslims, especially in the West.
- 5. *Requests* the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 11th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution No. 6/10-INF On

Developments Concerning the Launching of The OIC Satellite Channel Project

The Tenth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in Islamic World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic on Iran, on 03-04 December 2014;

Recalling resolution 8/9-INF on launching of OIC Satellite Channel, adopted by the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic on 19 and 20 April 2012, which approved in principle the project to launch the OIC satellite channel under the umbrella of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, and called for the establishment of an open-ended committee of Member States with the mandate to consider all aspects of this project,

- 1. Appreciates the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat in holding consultations to consider the possibility of launching the OIC satellite channel, including by convening an openended meeting of Member States at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah on 23 and 24 February 2013; the recommendations of the meeting which include setting up an ad hoc committee comprising (Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Gabon, Palestine, Qatar, Egypt, Mauritanian and the OIC General Secretariat) to conclude the process of launching the OIC satellite channel; and the first meeting of the special committee held at the General Secretariat on 12 May 2013 which discussed proposals on marketing the satellite channel to the private sector and listened to the presentation made by the delegation of the Republic of Turkey on the experiences of the Euronews channel from which the OIC satellite can benefit;
- 2. Calls on members of the ad hoc committee (Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Gabon, Palestine, Qatar, Egypt, Mauritanian and the OIC General Secretariat) to hold more consultations in this regard by holding a consultative meeting in the first half of 2015 and assign a competent entity to conduct feasibility studies containing the estimated cost of launching the project and budget required to operate it, and calls on the

General Secretariat to communicate with the Member States in order to conduct or finance the feasibility study so that the concerned entity can be mandated to proceed;

3. Requests the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 11th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 7/10-INF

On

Promoting Media Visibility of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation in Pioneering Cultural Exchange, Development and Peace

The Tenth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in Islamic World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic on Iran, on 03-04 December 2014;

Recalling Resolution No. 6/41-INF on Promoting media visibility of the OIC in pioneering cultural exchange, development and intercultural dialogue issues, adopted by the 41st session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18 and 19 July 2014,

Recalling Resolution No. on activating the information and communication sector in the OIC, 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 Resolution No. 1/38-INF on Information Affairs, in particular those relating to interaction with external media, adopted by the thirty-eighth 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 the need for Member States to consider 17 June 2015 as the deadline to shift to land digital TV broadcasting

Commending the approaches and measures proposed by the Secretary General on the need to inject new momentum to activating the media and communication sector and intensify media activities to highlight the activities of the OIC in the mass media of Member States,

- 1. *Calls* on Member States to support the efforts of the General Secretariat aimed at promoting the media visibility of the OIC in pioneering cultural exchange, development and intercultural dialogue and peace through various media including:
 - a) Participating in various media fora and conferences on intercultural dialogue, development and peace;
 - b) Organizing forums on the role of the media in promoting dialogue and cultural exchange and highlighting the role of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, its programmes and activities in these fields.

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.

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Resolution 8/10-INF

On

Boosting the Capacity and Productivity of Journalists and Media Institutions in Member States and Enhancing Cooperation amongst them

The Tenth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in Islamic World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic on Iran, on 03-04 December 2014;

Recalling Resolution No. 7/41 – INF On Boosting the Capacity and Productivity of Journalists and Media Institutions in Member States and Cooperation among them, adopted by the 41st session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18 and 19 July 2014,

Recalling 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, adopted by the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers and endorsed by the 39th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (*Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development*) held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 1-3 Muharram 1434 H. (15-17 November 2012),

Recalling Resolution No. 2/8-INF on activating the information and communication sector in the OIC, adopted by the 8th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco,

Commending the approaches and measures proposed by the Secretary General on the need to inject new momentum to activating the media and communication sector and intensify media activities to highlight the activities of the OIC in the mass media of Member States,

Proceeding from the benefit desired from establishing partnerships between media institutions and the General Secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation,

1. Lauds the efforts of the Department of Information at the OIC General Secretariat aimed at boosting the capacity and productivity of journalists, including by organizing a training course on writing press statements in which 22 staff members of the General Secretariat and affiliate media institutions participated, conducted by the Prince Ahmad Ibn Salman Applied Media Academy at the OIC General Secretariat from 27 – 30 October 2014, in order to improve their writing skills in drafting press statements;

2. Calls for the need to boost the capacity and productivity of journalists and media institutions in Member States and to enhance cooperation amongst them through various media means, calls on the General Secretariat of the OIC to supervise expertise exchange projects among the Member States and various media fields, including:

- a) Providing training programmes to media practitioners in the Member States of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation on issues relating to human rights, women issues, poverty, education, the family institution, natural disaster preparedness and other issues.
- b) Exchanging professional visits between media sector practitioners in the Member States and the OIC, and between the media sector practitioners in the Member States in order to raise awareness and forge professional communication and cooperation among them.
- c) Joint production of television programmes and documentaries on several social and developmental issues in Member States.
- 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.