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RESOLUTION NO. 1/51-INF

OIC MEMBER STATES' SUPPORT TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (COMIAC)

The Fifty-First Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (The OIC in a Transforming World) held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on $21^{st} - 22^{nd}$ June 2025 ($25^{th} - 26^{th}$ Dhul Hijia 1446H).

With reference to Resolution 1/47-INF on OIC Member States' support to the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), adopted by the Council's 47th session (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 12-13 Rabi Thani II, 1440H (27-28 November 2020);

With reference to Resolution 1/46-INF on OIC Member States' support to the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), adopted by 46th session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);

Proceeding from Resolution 2/11-INF on "Supporting the information work of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) adopted at the 11th session of COMIAC (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018 (28-29 Sha'ban 1439 A.H.);

Recalling resolution 1/45-INF on OIC Member States' support to the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), adopted by the Forty-fifth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 19 and 20 Shaaban 1439H (5 and 6 May 2018);

Taking note of resolution 1/44-INF on "OIC Member States' support to COMIAC", issued by the CFM in its 44th session (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in World of Solidarity) held in Abidjan, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, on 10-11 July 2017 (16-17 Shawwal 1438H);

In a bid to support COMIAC in discharging its duties of, inter alia, giving a new impetus to information and culture across the Muslim world, enabling it to introduce the international public opinion to Muslim world supreme causes, including the Palestinian and Al-Quds Al-Sharif cause, in addition to countering smear campaigns targeting Islam and Muslims, following up the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Conference in the areas of expertise of the COMIAC, exploring ways to boost cooperation among the Member States on information and culture, and preparing capacity-building programs and proposals in these two areas;

Pursuant to Paragraph 184 of the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace), held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 14-15 April 2016, which praised the Republic of Senegal's efforts to reinvigorate COMIAC and encouraged COMIAC to develop information programs and activities and increase media visibility for the OIC, in association with relevant OIC institutions and international partners;

Recalling Resolution 3/10-INF on "the Role of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) in its Capacity as Coordinator of the Action of the OIC Information Organs", and Resolution 5/10-INF on "Reactivating the Standing Committee on Information and

Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) and Supporting its Coordination Office", adopted by the 10th session of the COMIAC held in Dakar on 28-29 April 2015;

Proceeding from Resolution 3/10–INF on "Supporting the Work of Joint Islamic Media Action Institutions", adopted by the 10th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014 (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Islamic World), which underscores, in Operative Paragraph 3, the need to support the work of all joint Islamic media action institutions, including COMIAC, to enhance synergy among them, improve their efficiency, contribute to their activities effectively, and benefit from the services they offer;

Having considered the Secretary General's report submitted to this session,

- 1. Expresses appreciation to the Republic of Senegal for its efforts in support of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), including the appointment of the Director of COMIAC Coordination Office and the allocation of its premises in the capital city of Dakar, and calls for continued reinvigoration and promotion of the work of COMIAC;
- 2. Welcomes the outcome of the 11th session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018; and calls on OIC Member States and relevant institutions to work for its implementation with a view to developing the work of this Standing Committee and supporting its Coordination Office;
- 3. Commends COMIAC's new dynamism to reinvigorate joint Islamic media action, and highly appreciates its convening of a media workshop on the OIC, in Dakar, Senegal, on 30 May 2016, which was attended by many of the OIC Member States' Ambassadors in Dakar, along with media representatives, civil society activists and the OIC General Secretariat, who have contributed to increasing OIC's visibility in the media in Senegal and Africa; and commends COMIAC's participating in organizing a number of specialized media workshops in 2017 and 2018, in association with the OIC Information Department and ISESCO;
- **4. Welcomes** the holding of the 12th session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) in Dakar, on October 17 and 18, 2023, on the theme: "The role of Muslim youth in promoting the Islamic values of peace, solidarity and tolerance;
- **5. Welcomes** the commitment of the President of the Republic of Senegal, His Excellency Mr. Bassirou Diomaye Diakhar Faye, to revitalize the COMIAC so that it better fulfills its vocation of promoting the authentic values of Islamic culture and civilization, at the 15th Islamic Summit Conference held in Republic of The Gambia on May 4 and 5, 2024;
- **6. Commends** the initiative of COMIAC President to launch an international prize to reward outstanding media and media professionals in the field of promotion of peace, tolerance and intercultural harmony, and **highly appreciates** the convening on 10 April 2017 in Dakar of the first meeting of the ad hoc committee formed during the 11th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 19-21 December 2016 to study the conditions and modalities of the implementation of the prize; and **praises** the outcome of the second meeting of this committee held at the headquarters of the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA) in Jeddah on 30 October 2017 and the 3rd meeting of the Committee held in Dakar on 13 May 2018, which finalized the discussion on the criteria and procedures of the international award;

- 7. Renews the call on all the Member States to show understanding of the critical financial situation of COMIAC, which requires them to continuously extend necessary support, including financial and in-kind support, and host joint projects and programs, proposed and submitted by the COMIAC Coordination Office to enable it to carry out its mandate in the fields of information and culture within the OIC;
- **8. Recognizes** the pivotal role played by COMIAC in advancing information and cultural exchange across the Muslim world and pledges full support to COMIAC in its efforts to give new impetus to information and culture, introduce global audiences to the important causes as well as the values and principles of the Muslim world such as the Palestinian and Al-Quds Al-Sharif cause, Jammu and Kashmir Dispute, and counter smear campaigns targeting Islam and Muslims. **also acknowledges** and endorses the efforts of COMIAC to increase media visibility for the OIC, in line with the resolutions adopted during the 13th Islamic Summit Conference and previous sessions of COMIAC;
- **9. Proposes** for COMIAC to organize media exchange programs and visits for capacity building/ exchange of expertise of journalists/ media professionals across the Muslim world; expresses readiness for collaboration among member states and relevant institutions to strengthen information and cultural affairs within the OIC framework;
- **10. Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 52nd Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/51-INF ON LAUNCH OF AN INTERNATIONAL MEDIA AWARD

The Fifty-First Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (The OIC in a Transforming World) held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 21^{st} – 22^{nd} June 2025 (25^{th} – 26^{th} Dhul Hijja 1446H),

With reference to Resolution 2/47-INF on the "Establishment of the International Media Award", adopted by the Council's 47th session (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 12-13 Rabi Thani II, 1440H (27-28 November 2020);

Proceeding from the outcomes of the twelfth session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on October 21 and 22, 2022, in particular the report of the session in Items No. 11 and 12 on the OIC Award for Distinguished Media Outlets and Media Professionals in the Field of Promoting Dialogue, Tolerance and Intercultural Harmony).

With reference to Resolution 2/46-INF on the "Establishment of the International Media Award", adopted by 46th session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);

Proceeding from Resolution 3/11-INF on the "Launch of an International Media Award" adopted at the 11th session of COMIAC (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018 (28-29 Sha'ban 1439 A.H.);

Recalling Resolution 2/45-INF on the "Launch of an International Media Award", adopted by the Council's 45th session (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 19 and 20 Shaaban 1439 A.H. (5 and 6 May 2018);

Recalling Resolution 2/44-INF on the "Launch of an International Media Award", adopted by the Council's 44th session held in Abidjan, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, on 10-11 July 2017;

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

In accordance with the outcomes of the 10th session of COMIAC held in Dakar on 28 and 29 April 2015, particularly its recommendations on increasing support for Islamic journalism,

Taking into consideration the announcement by the Chair of COMIAC contained in his report which was adopted by Heads of State and Government who met in Istanbul in April 2016 during the 13th session of the Islamic Summit, particularly in relation to the guidelines proposed for adoption as a basis for the COMIAC' future programme,

Being convinced of the major role that should be played by the media in the area of peace and development in Member States,

Having considered the OIC Secretary General's report submitted to this session,

1. Expresses its profound appreciation for the initiative launched by the President of the Republic of Senegal, in his capacity as the Chair of COMIAC, on the establishment of an

- international prize for outstanding media outlets and journalists active in dialogue, tolerance and cross-cultural harmony;
- 2. Praises the Republic of Senegal's efforts to establish the ad hoc committee responsible for the consideration of the terms and conditions of the prize, and commends highly the engagement of states and institutions members of the said committee;
- 3. Commends the outcome of the first, second and third meetings of the ad hoc committee responsible for considering the terms and conditions of the Prize, held on 10 April 2017 in Dakar, 30 October 2017 in Jeddah, and on 13 May 2018 in Dakar, respectively, wherein committee members examined, in their first meeting, the prize concept paper, outlining the target audience, the prize title (OIC International Media prize), types of media outlets eligible for participation, its subjects, adopted languages, cash and in-kind prize value, number of laureates, prize sponsorship and global prize amount. The second meeting discussed the prize a technical paper detailing the prize goals, scope, general nomination conditions, media works participating in the prize, prize amount, prize categories, selection procedure, prize structure, jury composition, and date and venue of launching the prize in 2018. The third meeting finalized discussion on the technical paper of the prize, including its terms and procedure. The paper was enriched with proposals of OIC Member States and institutions;
- 4. Commends the efforts of the General Secretariat in the preparation of the prize technical paper, taking into account the outputs of states and institutions members of the Prize Committee, including terms and conditions regarding institutions, nominees, works nominated for the prize, amount of the prize, suspension cases, laureates selection method, structure of the prize, laureate selection criteria, with priority given to initiatives developed by female and young media professionals, date of launching the prize, total cost, adopted in the Resolution issued by the twelfth session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on October 21 and 22, 2022;
- **5. Invites** all the Member States, OIC financial institutions and relevant OIC organs to provide full support, both moral and material, to set the Award initiative into motion;
- **6. Commends** the establishment of this award to recognize excellence in promoting dialogue, tolerance and cultural harmony and suggests considering separate award categories for print, broadcast, digital/ social media to ensure representation across platforms;
- 7. Endorses the adoption of the technical sheet the OIC Award for Distinguished Media Outlets and Media Professionals in the Field of Promoting Dialogue, Tolerance and Intercultural Harmony, based on the outcomes of the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on October 21 and 22, 2022, and underlines the need to establish an OIC General Secretariat-based Fund to finance the Award. In line with Item 14 of the technical sheet regarding financing the award, a bank account will be opened for this purpose;
- **8. Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 52nd Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 3/51-INF

ON

SUPPORTING THE OIC BROADCASTING REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FORUM (IBRAF)

The Fifty-First Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (The OIC in a Transforming World) held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 21^{st} – 22^{nd} June 2025 (25^{th} – 26^{th} Dhul Hijja 1446H),

Recalling Resolution 3/47-INF on "Supporting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF)", adopted by the Council's 47th session (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 12-13 Rabi Thani II, 1440H (27-28 November 2020);

With reference to Resolution 3/46-INF on "Supporting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF)", adopted by 46th session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);

Recalling Resolution 4/11-INF on "Supporting the Work of Joint Islamic Media Action Institutions and their Coordination" adopted at the 11th session of COMIAC (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018 (28-29 Sha'ban 1439 A.H.);

Recalling Resolution 3/45-INF on "Supporting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF)", adopted by the Forty-fifth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 19 and 20 Sha'ban 1439 A.H. (5 and 6 May 2018);

Taking note of Resolution 3/44-INF adopted by the Forty-fourth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in World of Solidarity) held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on 16 and 17 Shawwal 1438H (Corresponding to 10 and 11 July 2017), on supporting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF),

Referring to Resolution No.1/40-INF adopted by 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) on granting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) an affiliated institution status,

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,

With reference to the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye on 14-15 April 2016, particularly Paragraph 50 on Media and Public Diplomacy, which affirms that the press and broadcast media, are the most effective tool and source for the dissemination of information and shaping of public opinion, and that the OIC is in the process of putting in place an elaborate strategy for effective public outreach and employing media for promoting the goals and objectives of the Organization,

Taking cognizance of the outcome of the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21 December 2016,

Noting that the ICIM called on IBRAF in the same session through Resolution No.12/11-INF on the "Role of Information in Combating Terrorism" to prepare "a code of conduct including legislations and legal procedures for the media to encounter terrorism",

Stressing that addressing the issue of Islamophobia starts with presenting the true image of the religion of Islam to foreign interlocutors in a thoughtful and effective manner,

Emphasizing the importance of cooperation among Member States in developing media mechanisms to fight terrorism,

Having considered the OIC Secretary General's report submitted to this session,

- 1. Takes note of the appointment, in October 2019, of Mr. Nurullah Ozturk as new Director General of IBRAF, replacing the outgoing Dr Hamit Ersoy; expresses wishes for success to the incumbent; and thanks the outgoing Director General for his invaluable efforts to set the Forum in motion and then expand its membership and enlarge its network of relations and activities with broadcasting corporations across the Member States;
- 2. Calls for more structured, long- term training programs for journalists and media professionals, including women and youth;
- **3. Proposes** development of an OIC Media Corps comprising prominent journalists and media professionals to coherently project the Muslim world's perspectives;
- **4. Also proposes** training for other media officials and capacity building with respect to the media in general through joint ventures among member countries and international organizations;
- **5.** Calls for a similar guidebook with a dedicated social media cell to identify and respond to systematic online Islamophobic incidents which would help institutionalize the response to the ever- increasing problem of Islamophobia. also, urgently calls for a guidebook on countering fake news;
- **6.** Calls for harmonizing the work and activities of the IBRAF with the existing media bodies under the OIC umbrella in a way that enhances the coordination of joint Islamic media work among these bodies and doubles their effectiveness;
- **7. Takes note** of the convening of the second meeting of the steering committee of IBRAF in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye on 29 September 2017, which discussed the agenda of the Sixth Annual Meeting of IBRAF;
- **8.** Expresses appreciation to the Republic of Indonesia for hosting the Fifth Annual Meeting in Bandung, Republic of Indonesia on 23 February 2017 under the theme: "Media Literacy & Media Landscape for World Harmony"; and salutes the Republic of Benin and the Audiovisual and Communication High Authority (HAAC) for hosting the 6th Annual Meeting of IBRAF on 19-20 February 2018, which saw a number of national broadcasting regulatory authorities joining IBRAF;
- **9. Welcomes** the outcome of the Fifth Annual Meeting of IBRAF, in particular the adoption of Bandung Declaration on the Role of Media in Promoting Tolerance and Combating Terrorism and Islamophobia;

- 10. Urges the 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;
- 11. Requests the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 52^{nd} Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 4/51-INF ON

STRENGTHENING THE MEDIA ACTION OF THE ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION AND ITS MEDIA INSTITUTIONS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MEMBER STATES

The Fifty-First Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (The OIC in a Transforming World) held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 21^{st} – 22^{nd} June 2025 (25^{th} – 26^{th} Dhul Hijja 1446H),

Based on Resolution 4/47-INF on "Strengthening the Media Action of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its Media Institutions in Partnership with the Member States", issued by the Council's 47th session (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 12-13 Rabi Thani II, 1440H (27-28 November 2020);

With reference to Resolution 4/46-INF on "Strengthening the Media Action of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its Media Institutions in Partnership with the Member States", adopted by 46th session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);

Based on Resolution 4/45-INF on "Strengthening the Media Action of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its Media Institutions in Partnership with the Member States", issued by the CFM in its 45th session (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 19-20 Sha'ban 1439H/5-6 May 2018,

Taking note of Resolution 4/44-INF adopted by the Forty-fourth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in World of Solidarity) held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on 16 and 17 Shawwal 1438H (Corresponding to 10 and 11 July 2017),

Recalling Resolution 4/9-INF on "Coordination in the Information Field within the Framework of the OIC in Order to Give a Comprehensive Picture of Joint Islamic Action, issued by the 9th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic on 19 and 20 April 2012, which was endorsed by the 39th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 15-17 November 2012;

Stressing the importance of strengthening cooperation and coordination between the OIC General Secretariat, the information institutions and member states concerning implementation of media projects and programmes;

Having considered the OIC Secretary General's report submitted to this session;

- 1. Supports the resolutions of the General Assembly of the OIC Union of News Agencies (UNA), held at the Jeddah-based General Secretariat on 12 December 2019; and urges the Member States to support and pay their annual budgetary contribution to the Union;
- 2. Expresses appreciation for the media action that has been, and continues to be, carried out by the OIC General Secretariat to develop the capacities of journalists, widen their knowledge and polish their skills on media matters through the organization of specialized media training programmes and courses, especially in 2017 and 2019, and invites it to organize more of these training programmes and media workshops in cooperation with media, research and training institutions and with relevant authorities in member states and

- non-member states, in order to strengthen the OIC's media action, benefit the journalists and strengthen the OIC's media visibility through these media programmes;
- 3. Welcomes the outcome of the media workshop organized and hosted by the OIC General Secretariat on 15 November 2018, on the theme "Social media's supportive role for the OIC work", with the participation of 35 bloggers, tweeps and social media influencers from different institutions and states members of the OIC, to explore ways to increase visibility for the Organization on regional and international media, and to promote knowledge of OIC programmes and activities within Member States and beyond;
- 4. Welcomes the outcome of the workshop held by the OIC General Secretariat in partnership with ISESCO and in cooperation with Thomson Foundation of Britain to prepare the "Guidebook for Training Journalists to Cover Terrorist Incidents" in the period from 31 October 2 November 2017 at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, in response to the request of the Ministers of Information to the General Secretariat and ISESCO to submit a study on the mechanisms for training specialized media workers, in conformity with resolution no. 12/11-INF on "Role of the Media in Combating Terrorism" adopted by the 11th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah on 21 December 2016, and endorsed by resolution no. 4/44-INF on "Reaffirmation of the Resolutions of the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 December 2016", during the 44th session of the Islamic Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Abidjan on 10 and 11 July 2017;
- 5. Welcomes the outcome both of the "First Islamic-European Forum on Exploring Ways of Cooperation to Eliminate Hate Speech in the Media" and of the "Media Workshop to Assess and Adopt the Final Draft of the Media Training Guide for Covering Terrorist Acts and to Examine Related Technical, Media and Legal Aspect". The two events, held by the OIC General Secretariat in partnership with ISESCO, took place at the Press Club Brussels Europe in Belgium, on 29-30 June 2018. The Guide, driven to its final form, as mandated by the 11th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, will be submitted for approval to the conference in its 12th session:
- **6.** Commends the outcome of the training session which the General Secretariat conducted on "Social Media Infographics" at UNA media training centre, on 10-12 April 2018, for the benefit of journalists and broadcasters from across the OIC Member States;
- 7. Welcomes the outcome of the workshop held by the OIC and ISESCO, in coordination with the Senegalese National Authority in charge of UNESCO, ISESCO, and COMIAC on "Operationalizing the OIC Media Strategy to Counter Islamophobia and the OIC Comprehensive Media Strategy till 2025", in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 16-17 October 2017, which called for the establishment of a network of media training institutions in the Muslim world to strengthen cooperation among them and to develop a unified plan for the training of journalists, intensifying coordination and partnership between the OIC and specialized institutions in preparing contents and materials that project Islamic and its tolerant values which can be understood by a westerner to contribute to correcting the negative stereotypes about Islam;
- **8.** Hails the conclusions of the sub-regional workshop on "Women in Civil Society and Strengthening Their Role in the Media" held by OIC General Secretariat and ISESCO and the General Secretariat of Bahrain National Commission for Education, Science and Culture in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain on 4 and 5 October 2017, in implementation of

resolution 4/11-INF on "Empowerment of Women in and Through the Media" which recommended the utilization of the successful experience in Member States on strengthening the role of women in the society by establishing a network of female journalists under the supervision of the OIC General Secretariat and documenting the achievements of pioneers; **commends** the objectives of the OIC Media Monitoring Observation for Women in Member States and seek guidance from its orientations; and **urges** the media to strengthen women presence in media institutions as journalists or those tasked with running media contracts;

- 9. Welcomes the recommendations of the workshop of experts and representatives of the civil society to discuss media and legal measures to counter Islamophobia which was organized by the OIC General Secretariat, ISESCO and the Islamic Cultural Centre in London, United Kingdom on 15 and 16 July 2017, in implementation of resolution 2/11 on "The OIC Anti-Islamophobia Media Strategy" adopted by the 11th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 December 2016, which called for intensified coordination and cooperation between governments and civil society institutions and the media to counter those behind Islamophobia and to relate with them as groups who hate Islam, violate human rights and threaten the international efforts aimed at strengthening dialogue among cultures and alliance of civilizations; calls on intergovernmental and civil society organizations, to coordinate efforts to implement the charters, treaties, conventions, declarations and resolutions as well as national and international laws affirming the separation between freedom of opinion and expression and the various excesses and defamation of religions perpetrated by the media under the cover of freedom of opinion and expression; and calls on Muslims representatives of civil society and Islamic institutions in western countries to improve and strengthen their media narratives and positive interaction with the media, and to lunch campaigns, media and cultural programmes to project the true image of the tolerant religion of Islam;
- **10. Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 52nd Session.

RESOLUTION NO.5/51-INF ON THE UNION OF OIC NEWS AGENCIES (UNA)

The Fifty-First Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (The OIC in a Transforming World) held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 21^{st} – 22^{nd} June 2025 (25^{th} – 26^{th} Dhul Hijja 1446H),

Proceeding from the Final Communiqué issued by the 15th Islamic Summit Conference, held in Banjul, Gambia, on 4-5 May 2024, under the theme of "Strengthening Unity and Solidarity through Dialogue for Sustainable Development';

Recalling the resolutions on information affairs of the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Minsters held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March (Session of Partnering for Unity, Justice, and Development) and the resolution on information affairs adopted by the 12th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 21-22 October 2022 (Session of Combating Disinformation and Islamophobia in the Post-Truth Ear);

Considering the resolutions adopted by the sixth session of the General Assembly of the Union of OIC News Agencies, held on 27 January 2025;

Proceeding from the resolution No.4/47-INF on "Strengthening the Media Action of the OIC and its Media Institutions in Partnership with the Member States" adopted by the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020;

Referring to the resolution No.8/11-INF on "Supporting the Work of Joint Islamic Media Institutions" adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Development) held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21 December 2016;

Based on the resolution No.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 (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development) held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic, on 19-20 April 2012;

- 1. Appreciates the support of the host country of the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for UNA and its provision of a financial grant of 11 million and 899 thousand riyals (3 million and 173 thousand dollars) and appreciates the role of the State of Qatar in paying all its contributions for the past years, which amounted to (985 thousand dollars);
- 2. Calls on Member States to pay their obligatory contributions to the budgets of UNA following the completion of the restructuring process as adopted by the 8th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Rabat on 27-28 January 200 and at UNA General Assembly; Calls for actively contributing to UNA's activities and to benefit from the services it provides; Commends the Member States that are committed to paying their contributions to the UNA budget, led by the host country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as well as the United Arab Emirates, and the Sultanate of Oman; Lauds the countries that have taken the initiative to pay their contributions: the State of Qatar, the Arab

- Republic of Egypt, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, and the Republic of Cameroon
- 3. Commends the outcomes of the international forum organized by UNA under the title "The Role of Media in Inciting Hatred and Violence: Risks of Misinformation and Bias," held in Jeddah on November 26, 2023, in collaboration with the Muslim World League and with the participation of all official news agencies in OIC Member States, alongside several international media outlets and intellectual and religious institutions. The Forum featured a special panel on bias and misinformation in international media, the "Palestinian Cause as a model", and sought to highlight the challenge of biased media coverage in some Western outlets that hinders the exposure of the Israeli occupation's violations and the Palestinian people's access to their legitimate rights.
- **4. Welcomes** the "Jeddah Charter for Media Responsibility," issued by the forum on "The Role of the Media in Inciting Hatred and Violence: Risks of Misinformation and Bias"; Calls on media outlets in OIC member states to benefit from the principles outlined in the Charter, particularly those concerning adherence to shared ethical values in journalistic work, protection and respect of human rights regardless of religious, national, or ethnic identity, and refraining from broadcasting or publishing content that could harm the rights or privacy of others.
- 5. Appreciates UNA's organization of the international media forum titled "Media and Palestinian Rights: Practical steps to build on initiatives to recognize Palestine," held online on June 9, 2024, in partnership with the Assistant Secretariat for Corporate Communications of the Muslim World League. The Forum concluded with the announcement of 11 actionable initiatives to strengthen Islamic and international media support in defending the rights of the Palestinian people, including creating an interactive media platform dedicated to monitoring and documenting international and popular movement regarding compliance with international resolutions on the Palestinian Cause, intensifying media coverage of global initiatives and announcements issued by countries around the world recognizing Palestine, and launching an electronic glossary of media terminology related to all that relates to the Palestinian people and their Cause.
- **6. Encourages** UNA to highlight the media capabilities of member states, including through the organization of a program on "Media Cities" to be held on a rotational basis in one of the cities of member states. The program involves media forums, training programs for journalists, and activities to showcase the cities' tourist, historical, and cultural landmarks, in addition to media coverage of major events and conferences hosted by these cities.
- 7. Calls on UNA to activate the role of the media in strengthening economic relations among the OIC member states, through the organization of international exhibitions that highlight media services and the role of journalism in promoting trade among member states, and stimulating investment in the media sector as a key economic sector.
- **8.** Calls on UNA to enhance its communication with non-member states, including international news agency unions and global media institutions, in order to establish joint media programs in areas of mutual interest, promote dialogue and cultural exchange, combat Islamophobia and terrorism, and highlight the role of the OIC, its organs, and its member states in these fields.
- **9.** Urges UNA to increase its activities in the area of media training and development of media professionals, including women and youth in member states, as well as to work in

coordination with member states and other OIC-affiliated media institutions to establish a permanent network and forum for media training institutions in OIC member states, with the goal of improving coordination and expanding training opportunities for media professionals.

- **10. Commends** the set of programs, workshops, and training courses conducted by UNA in collaboration with a number of its international partners in the field of artificial intelligence and media, for the benefit of journalists in OIC member states.
- 11. Calls on UNA to coordinate efforts with member states to conduct a comprehensive study on the status of digital platforms of the news agencies of member states, the OIC, and its affiliated organs, to work on establishing websites for the Organization and its organs, and updating the websites of news agencies facing technical difficulties, especially in least developed member states, as well as to mobilize the necessary technical and financial support to achieve this goal, and urges the Organization to cooperate with UNA in this regard and to adopt the new websites launched by the Union.
- 12. Calls on UNA to strengthen the role of sports journalism in bringing together the peoples of Islamic countries, publicizing their cultures, and combating sports fanaticism, through enhancing media content that supports this objective, and organizing an international forum at the level of OIC member states on this subject, in cooperation with the OIC General Secretariat.
- 13. Encourages UNA's contributions to the media coverage of major events of the OIC, and calls on it to develop a media program at the level of news agencies to enhance coverage of the OIC's activities and conferences—especially the Islamic Summit, ministerial meetings, and international conferences of member states.
- **14. Encourages** UNA to raise the level of coordination between news agency personnel and media professionals in member states to enhance communication between them, and to work on establishing a database to support joint media action, and to leverage this database to enhance the media visibility of the OIC, its conferences and organs, as well as the international conferences of member states.
- 15. Appreciates the launch of UNA's integrated digital media platform to enhance news exchange among member states in the OIC's three official languages, as well as in over 51 other languages using AI-powered neural machine translation, as well as to intensify media coverage of OIC activities and major events in Islamic countries, and Calls on Member States and OIC organs to utilize and contribute content to this platform. and Commends the role of the Union in designing and publicizing a network on its electronic platform that includes all official news agencies of Member States, in order to facilitate news exchange and news distribution through the network.
- **16. Commends** the adoption of UNA's organizational structure, prepared by the Union's General Directorate, reviewed by the OIC's Legal Affairs Department, and approved by the Union's General Assembly at its sixth session held on January 27, 2025.
- **17. Urges** member agencies to enhance their cooperation with UNA's General Directorate, including coordination in covering the activities of the OIC and its affiliated organs.

- **18. Appreciates** UNA's contributions to media coverage of OIC conferences, and praises its efforts to highlight these events through its digital platforms, as well as to enhance news exchange among member agencies in this regard.
- **19. Appreciates** the opening of a UNA office in Palestine and the continuous broadcasting of around-the-clock news directly from Ramallah.
- **20. Appreciates** the role of UNA in establishing a network of training institutes in the Islamic world aimed at serving and training media professionals in Member States.
- **21.** Welcomes UNA's initiative to organize the largest exhibition for Member States to showcase tourism, culture, trade, media, and entertainment in Islamic countries and to promote mutual acquaintance among their peoples.
- **22. Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 52nd Session.

RESOLUTION NO.6/51-INF

OF THE OIC STATES BROADCASTING UNION (OSBU)

The Fifty-First Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (The OIC in a Transforming World) held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 21^{st} – 22^{nd} June 2025 (25^{th} – 26^{th} Dhul Hijja 1446H),

Based on the Final Communiqué issued by the fifteenth session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Banjul, Republic of The Gambia, on May 4-5, 2024, under the theme "Strengthening Unity and Solidarity through Dialogue for Sustainable Development";

Referring to the Media Affairs Resolutions issued by the forty-eighth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on March 22-23, 2022, under the theme "Building Partnerships for Peace, Justice, and Development"; and the Media Affairs Resolution issued by the twelfth session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkiye, on October 21-22, 2022, under the theme "Combating Media Misinformation and Islamophobia in the Post-Truth Era";

Relying on Resolution No. 4/47-INF on "Strengthening the Media Work of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and Media Institutions in Partnership with Member States" issued by the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers under the theme "United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development" held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27 and 28 November 2020.

Recalling Resolution No. 8/11-INF on "Supporting Joint Islamic Action Institutions in the Field of Media" issued by the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers under the theme "Renewed Media in the Face of Terrorism and Islamophobia" held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21 December 2016.

Relying on Resolution No. 4/9-INF on "Coordination in the Media Field within the Framework of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to Provide a Comprehensive Image of Joint Islamic Action" issued by the 9th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers under the theme (Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development) held in Libreville, Republic of Gabon, on 19 and 20 April 2012,

- 1. **Appreciates** the support of the states that regularly pay their full contributions to support the Union's work.
- 2. Calls upon all other Member States to pay their contributions to the budget of the OIC States Broadcasting Union. It also calls upon them to contribute effectively to the Union's activities and benefit from the services it provides. It commends Member States that are committed to paying their contributions, particularly the headquarters state, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of Qatar, the Sultanate of Oman, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Kingdom of Malaysia, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Tunisia, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, and the Republic of Cameroon.
- 3. **Welcomes** the "Jeddah Charter for Media Responsibility" issued by the forum on "Media and its Role in Fueling Hatred and Violence: Risks of Misinformation and Bias," organized by UNA and Muslim World League, and calls upon media in Member States to benefit from the principles contained in this Charter regarding adherence to common ethical principles in journalistic work, the preservation and respect of human rights, regardless of religious, national, or ethnic identity, and refraining from broadcasting or publishing anything that would infringe upon the rights of others or violate their privacy.

- 4. **Calls upon** the Union to strengthen its communication with non-Member States and international media institutions, to develop media programs in areas of common interest, to promote dialogue and cultural exchange, to combat Islamophobia and terrorism, and to highlight the role of the OIC, its organs, and Member States in these areas.
- 5. **Appreciates** the Union's launch of an integrated digital media platform, the "Cloud News and Program Exchange Unit," to enhance news and program exchange among Member States in the three official languages of the OIC, and to intensify media coverage of the OIC's activities and prominent events in Islamic countries, as it calls on Member States and OIC organs to take advantage of this platform and provide it with media materials.
- 6. **Appreciates** the Union's ongoing support for the Palestinian cause through joint live broadcasts by the Union's Member States on several occasions, the most recent of which was the National and International Day in Support of Gaza and the Prisoners, as well as the opening of the Union's first regional office in Ramallah and the launch of two technical courses at the center.
- 7. **Appreciates** the Union's role in intensifying its activities in the field of training and qualifying media cadres in Member States through the "OSBU Academy for Media Training" and working, in coordination with Member States and other OIC media institutions, to establish a network and a permanent forum for media training institutions in OIC Member States, to enhance coordination among them and provide more training opportunities for professional cadres in Member States.
- 8. **Calls upon** Member States to promote the digital transformation of the Union by actively contributing to the revitalization of the Union's platforms by providing them with the necessary materials.
- 9. **Encourages** the Union's contributions to media coverage of prominent OIC events, and calls upon it to develop a media program at the Member State level to enhance media coverage of OIC activities and conferences, particularly the Islamic Summit, Ministerial conferences, and international conferences of Member States.
- 10. **Encourages** the Union to increase coordination between citizens and media professionals in Member States to enhance communication between them, to work to create a database to support joint media action, and to utilize this database to enhance the media visibility of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, its conferences and organs, as well as international conferences of Member States.
- 11. **Appreciates** the Union's role in establishing partnerships with United Nations agencies and European channels in order to strengthen the unity of moderate Islamic ranks and to address others.
- 12. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 52nd Session.

RESOLUTION NO.7/51-INF ON

ADVANCING COOPERATION IN THE MEDIA SECTOR TO PROMOTE PEACE, DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY, INCLUDING THROUGH HARNESSING THE SDGS

The Fifty-First Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (The OIC in a Transforming World) held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 21^{st} – 22^{nd} June 2025 (25^{th} – 26^{th} Dhul Hijja 1446H),

Based on Resolution 5/47-INF on "Advancing Cooperation in the Media Sector for Peace, Development and Prosperity including through Harnessing SGDs", issued by the Council's 47th session (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 12-13 Rabi Thani II, 1440H (27-28 November 2020);

With reference to Resolution 5/46-INF on "Advancing Cooperation in the Media Sector for Peace, Development and Prosperity including through Harnessing SGDs", adopted by 46th session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);

Based on Resolution 5/45-INF on "Advancing Cooperation in the Media Sector for Peace, Development and Prosperity including through Harnessing SGDs", issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 45th session (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 19-20 Sha'ban 1439H / 5-6 May 2018;

Being cognizant of the need to continuously promote mutual understanding and solidarity among the Muslim Ummah around the globe;

Upholding the true spirit of Islam;

Recalling the ongoing cooperation between the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the United Nations (UN) in different fields, in particular peace, security, humanitarian assistance and refugees and the promotion of dialogue among civilizations;

Recalling the OIC Media Strategy adopted at the 11th session of the Conference of Information Ministers on 21 December 2016;

Referring to the resolutions on cooperation in the media sector adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

Noting with appreciation the efforts of OIC affiliated institutions in the area of information;

In a bid to promote peace and development through making optimal use of media and cultural events;

1. Calls on the Member States to utilize their media sector to highlight and disseminate information on the achievements and positive stories of OIC member states to socioeconomic sectors, particularly in areas covered under the UN Sustainable Development Goals such as counterterrorism, climate change, humanitarian assistance, migration, disaster risk reduction and preparedness, women's issues, social protection and integration, and others;

- 2. Calls for a centralized digital repository for sharing multimedia content, a digital platform for sharing films, documentaries, and educational media, fostering cultural understanding, to enhance affinity in Muslim Ummah;
- **3. Also encourages** utilization of Information Channels, leveraging social media through coordinated campaigns and digital toolkits;
- **4.** Calls for an OIC Media Network for real- time content sharing and joint production ventures which would enhance collaboration;
- **5. Also calls** for regular monitoring, quarterly reports, and annual reviews for effective implementation and proposes for an OIC Media Fact- check to highlight socio- economic progress and key statistics from Muslim nations to counter fake news;
- **6. Urges** the Member States to utilize different means of information and communication channels available, including social media, to disseminate information on contributions of the OIC in promotion of peace, humanitarianism and other regional and global causes for the benefit of the entire Ummah;
- 7. Encourages the press, radio and TV broadcasters in OIC member states to engage in active cooperation in news coverage and reporting through sharing and joint production of media content (news clippings, reports, documentaries and related material);
- **8. Supports** the exchange of films and other information and cultural contents (TV drama, documentaries, animation, educational or public awareness media products, etc.) between government as well as media institutions;
- 9. Calls on the related institutions of the OIC, in association with related institutions of the UN, as may be applicable, to facilitate capacity building and strengthening of the media sector in OIC member states. activities may include technical and managerial training for media personnel including holding of seminars and workshops, sharing of facilities and expertise, cooperation in equipment and infrastructure upgradation, exchange of volunteers/interns, etc;
- **10. Requests** the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 52nd Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 8/51-INF ON PROGRESS TOWARD THE LAUNCH OF THE OIC SATELLITE CHANNEL

The Fifty-First Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (The OIC in a Transforming World) held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 21^{st} – 22^{nd} June 2025 (25^{th} – 26^{th} Dhul Hijja 1446H),

Recalling Resolution 6/47-INF on "Progress Toward the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel", adopted by the Council's 47th session (Session of United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 12-13 Rabi Thani II, 1440H (27-28 November 2020);

With reference to Resolution 6/46-INF on "Progress Toward the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel", adopted by 46th session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);

With reference to paragraph 15 of Dakar Declaration of the 11th session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018 (28-29 Sha'ban 1439 A.H.), wherein the OIC Information Ministers "reiterate the importance of setting up the OIC satellite channel to share and broadcast useful programmes within the Islamic Ummah and to propagate the true values of Islam";

Based on Resolution 4/44-INF on "Reaffirmation of the Resolutions of the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 December 2016", during the 44th session of the Islamic Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Abidjan on 10 and 11 July 2017;

Based on Resolution 7/11-INF on the "Progress toward the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel", adopted by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers' 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);

Based on Resolution 1/43-INF regarding "Progress toward the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel", issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 43rd session (Session of Education and Enlightenment – Path to Peace and Creativity), which took place in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October 2016;

Commending Resolution 2/10-INF on Supporting the Launch of the OIC Online Channel, adopted issued by the 10th session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), which was held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 27-28 April 2015;

Based on Resolution 6/10-INF on the "Progress toward the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel", issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 10th session (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Muslim World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014;

Taking note of the adoption by the Council of Foreign Ministers at its 43rd Session in Tashkent of the feasibility study for launching the OIC satellite channel prepared by leading expert houses, with reservations on the financial aspect, based on the recommendation of the second open-ended

meeting of the Member States on launching the satellite channel, which was held at the expert level at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah on May 11, 2016, and supporting the resolution of the Council of Foreign Ministers to approve the launch of the satellite channel.

Recalling Resolution 8/9-INF on Launching the OIC Satellite Channel, issued by the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Libreville, Republic of Gabon, 19-20 April 2012), which approved in principle the project of launching an OIC satellite channel under the OIC umbrella, and which had been adopted by the CFM sessions held in the Republic of Djibouti on 15-17 November 2012, in Conakry, the Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013, in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 18-19 June 2014, and in the State of Kuwait on 27-28 May 2015;

Taking note of the two open-ended expert-group meetings on the launch of the OIC Satellite Channel, held at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah, on 23-24 February 2013 and 11 May 2016 respectively; the four meetings of the ad hoc committee, following up the finalization of the launch of the OIC Satellite Channel, comprising Afghanistan, Iran, Türkiye, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Gabon, Palestine, Qatar, Egypt, Mauritania and the OIC General Secretariat, held to discuss the project and its feasibility study, on 12 May 2013, 10 March 2015, 20 October 2015, and 11 May 2016 respectively;

Noting that nearly eight years have passed since the last meeting of the committee concerned with the aforementioned OIC channel and the emergence of new challenges and different public trends, which requires a review of its findings in light of the rapid developments in the field of media and its modern technologies,

Based on Paragraph No. 257 of the Banjul Final Communique issued by the 15TH Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Banjul, Republic of the Gambia, on May 4-5, 2024, which affirms that the media, including social media, is the most effective tool and source for disseminating information and forming public opinion, which acknowledges the decisive role that it can play to highlight the tolerance of the Islamic religion and stresses the central role of these media in the field of following up and disseminating news on the issues of the Islamic world, and what it calls for in directing attention and saving effort and money on improving social communication and supporting efforts in this regard, instead of supporting traditional media outlets, which have become widespread these days and do not receive the follow-up and attention of many age segments of society as these modern media enjoy.

- 1. Commends the Member States and the OIC General Secretariat for their efforts to launch the OIC satellite channel, through several expert-group meetings both of the Member States and of the ad hoc select follow-up committee on the conclusion of the launching process;
- 2. Calls for consideration of the possibility of launching an OIC channel on the OIC website, taking into account the steady decline in the role of satellite media compared to digital media that relies on social media and the Internet and the large public following it;
- 3. Commends the General Secretariat's efforts to create an OIC Web TV streaming channel to broadcast its recorded conferences, meetings, programmes and activities as well as the statements of the Secretary General on certain occasions, meetings with officials, short thematic videos, cultural and economic programmes, etc., pending the actual launch of the satellite channel; and calls on the General Secretariat to explore all possible means to secure the necessary financial resources for the launch of this project;

- 4. Calls for a focus on enhancing dissemination and developing the content of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's means of communication and increasing the effectiveness of the organization's channel on the Internet until the feasibility of launching the OIC satellite channel is reconsidered, and replace this project by focusing on modern technologies in the field of digital and electronic media through the Internet and various social media and benefiting from the experiences of international organizations in this field, in response to the rapid changes in this field;
- **5. Invites** the OIC institutions to provide the General Secretariat's Information Department with presentational videos on their work, programmes and activities, to post them on the OIC Channel. **also calls** for an innovative, contemporary and quality- driven editorial policy for the channel's content;
- **6.** Calls for the OIC Member States to commence the OIC News Bulletin to keep the people informed on the developments taking place under the OIC banner;
- 7. **Invites** the OIC institutions to provide the General Secretariat's Information Department with presentational videos on their work, programmes and activities, to post them on the OIC Channel;
- **8.** Requests the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 52^{nd} session.
