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**THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF PARLIAMENT AND THE MEDIA IN PROVIDING
THE PUBLIC WITH OBJECTIVE INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY ON ARMED
CONFLICTS AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM**

**First batch of amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolution submitted
by the delegation of Belgium**

PREAMBLE

Preambular paragraph 11bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph (11), to read as follows:

(11bis) *Underscoring*, however, that freedom of expression is not an absolute right that can justify inciting hatred, racism, xenophobia and the violation of human rights,

(Belgium)

Preambular paragraph 11ter

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph (11bis), to read as follows:

(11ter) *Recalling* that the Council of Europe and the European Union in particular have adopted legislation allowing for the control of hate speech on the Internet and in the audiovisual media,

(Belgium)

OPERATIVE PART

Operative paragraph 4

Delete the paragraph and add a new operative paragraph 4, to read as follows:

- ~~4. *Calls upon* parliaments to consider, in consultation with the media fraternity, formulating appropriate guidelines for media personnel so that media programmes and advertising content do not incite violence, violate standards of law and order, or in any circumstances glorify violence;~~

(Belgium)

4. ***Calls upon*** parliaments to take, in consultation with the media fraternity, the appropriate legislative measures so that media programmes and advertising content do not incite hatred, racism, xenophobia and the violation of human rights, violate standards of law and order and glorify violence;

(Belgium)

Operative paragraph 14bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 14, to read as follows:

- 14bis. ***Calls upon*** media executives to draw up, in their professional organizations, a code of conduct for journalists, photographers and editors-in-chief so that they can keep the public informed without unduly emphasizing the impact of terrorism;

(Belgium)

Operative paragraph 18

Delete the paragraph and add a new operative paragraph 18, to read as follows:

18. ~~*Acknowledges*~~ the principle of freedom of expression in cyberspace, with reasonable restrictions, including such restrictions as may be required in the struggle against terrorism and in cases of armed conflict;

(Belgium)

18. ***Acknowledges*** the principle of freedom of expression in cyberspace, with reasonable restrictions, as required in the struggle against terrorism and incitement to hatred, racism, xenophobia and the violation of human rights;

(Belgium)