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**ENSURING RESPECT FOR AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN ALL RELIGIOUS  
COMMUNITIES AND BELIEFS IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD**

***Amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolution submitted within the statutory  
deadline by the delegations of Algeria, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Germany, India,  
Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Mexico,  
Philippines, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden and Venezuela***

**PREAMBLE**

Preambular paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

(1) *Affirming that ~~tolerance for~~ **acceptance of** cultural, ethnic, religious and linguistic diversity, as well as dialogue among and within civilizations, is essential for respect, peaceful coexistence and cooperation among individuals and peoples in their diversity of belief, culture and language, while neither fearing nor repressing differences within and between societies but cherishing them as precious assets of humanity,*

*(France)*

Amend to read as follows:

(1) *Affirming that ~~tolerance for~~ **the recognition of** cultural, ethnic, religious and linguistic diversity, as well as dialogue among and within civilizations, is essential for respect, peaceful coexistence and cooperation among individuals and peoples in their diversity of belief, culture and language, while neither fearing nor repressing differences within and between societies but cherishing them as precious assets of humanity,*

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Amend to read as follows:

(1) *Affirming that tolerance ~~for~~ **and the recognition and acceptance of** cultural, ethnic, religious and linguistic diversity, as well as dialogue among and within civilizations, is essential for respect, peaceful coexistence and cooperation among individuals and people in their diversity of belief, culture and language, while neither fearing nor repressing differences within and between societies but cherishing them as precious assets of humanity,*

*(Italy)*

New preambular paragraph 1bis

Move operative paragraphs 13, 14 and 15 to the preambular part and amend as follows:

(1bis) ~~Recognizes~~ **Recognizing** that respect for religious and cultural diversity and dialogue between different religions and cultures in an increasingly globalized world promotes enhanced understanding among religions, cultures and civilizations and contributes to international cooperation; ~~acknowledges that respect for the diversity of religions and cultures, tolerance, dialogue and cooperation in a climate of mutual trust and understanding,~~ **and that it** can contribute to combating ideologies and practices based on discrimination, intolerance and hatred and help to reinforce world peace, social justice and friendship among peoples; **and also recognizing** that, despite intolerance and conflicts that are creating a divide across countries and regions and constituting a growing threat to peaceful relations among nations, all cultures and civilizations share a common set of universal values and can all contribute to the enrichment of humankind;

(Egypt)

Preambular paragraph 2

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

(2) ~~Observing~~ **Underlining** the importance of promoting understanding, tolerance, mutual respect and friendship among human beings in their diversity of religion, belief, culture and language, and ~~recalling~~ the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable human rights and fundamental freedoms of all members of the human family, which all States have an obligation to observe, protect and encourage universal respect thereof,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Merge preambular paragraph 2 and operative paragraph 14 and amend to read as follows:

(2) ~~Observing~~ the importance of promoting understanding, tolerance, mutual respect and friendship among human beings in their diversity of religion, belief, culture and language, ~~and recalling the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable human rights and fundamental freedoms of all members of the human family, which all States have an obligation to observe, protect and encourage universal respect thereof,~~ **which can contribute to combating ideologies and practices based on discrimination, intolerance and hatred and help to reinforce world peace, social justice and friendship among peoples,**

(Romania)

New preambular paragraphs 2bis and 2ter

Add a new paragraph, based on preambular paragraph 2 as amended, to read as follows:

(2bis) **Recalling the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable human rights and fundamental freedoms of all members of the human family, which all States have an obligation to observe, protect and encourage universal respect thereof,**

Add a new paragraph, based on operative paragraph 15 as amended, to read as follows:

**(2ter) Recognizing that, despite intolerance and conflicts that are creating a divide across countries and regions and constitute a growing threat to peaceful relations among nations, all cultures and civilizations share a common set of universal values and can all contribute to the enrichment of humankind,**

*(Romania)*

New preambular paragraphs 2bis and 2ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 2 to read as follows:

**(2bis) Recalling the resolutions on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief that have been adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and Commission on Human Rights;**

**(2ter) Recalling also article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,**

*(Germany)*

New preambular paragraphs 2bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 2 to read as follows:

**(2bis) Recognizing the valuable contributions of all religions to modern civilization and the contribution that dialogue among civilizations can make to an improved awareness and understanding of the common values shared by all humankind;**

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Preambular paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

(3) *Recalling* the purposes and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular the right to freedom of thought, conscience, ~~and~~ religion **or belief,**

*(Germany)*

Preambular paragraphs 3 and 6

Merge preambular paragraphs 3 and 6 as amended into one:

(3) *Recalling* the purposes and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion **and further recalling** the Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations and the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), as well as the principles contained therein,

*(Egypt)*

Preambular paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

(5) *Recalling* the adoption of **the 2004 UN Resolution on the Promotion of Interreligious Dialogue (UN/RES/59/23)**, the 2005 United Nations World Summit Outcome, and **the 2006 UN Resolution on the Promotion of Interreligious and Intercultural Cooperation for Peace (UN/61/L.11/Rev.2)**, which acknowledges the importance of respect and understanding for religious and cultural diversity throughout the world **while at the same time encourages the promotion of the practice of interfaith dialogue, particularly in culturally and religiously diverse communities,**

*(Philippines)*

New preambular paragraph 6bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 6 to read as follows:

**(6bis) Welcoming the entry into force, on 18 March 2007, of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions;**

*(Romania)*

Preambular paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Commending* the valuable contribution of various initiatives at the national, regional and international levels, such as the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, the Bali Declaration on Building Interfaith Harmony within the International Community, the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, the Dialogue among Civilizations and Cultures, the strategy of Enlightened Moderation, the Informal Meeting of Leaders on Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace, **the World Congress of Imams and Rabbis for Peace** and the Islam-Christianity Dialogue, which are all mutually inclusive, reinforcing and interrelated,

*(France)*

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Commending* the valuable contribution of various initiatives at the national, regional and international levels, such as **Dialogue among Civilizations**, the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, the Bali Declaration on Building Interfaith Harmony within the International Community, the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, the Dialogue among Civilizations and Cultures, the strategy of Enlightened Moderation, the Informal Meeting of Leaders on Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace and the Islam-Christianity Dialogue, which are all mutually inclusive, reinforcing and interrelated,

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Commending* the valuable contribution of various initiatives at the national, regional and international levels, such as the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, the Bali Declaration on Building Interfaith Harmony within the International Community, the **Kazakhstan Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions**, the Dialogue among Civilizations and Cultures, the strategy of Enlightened Moderation, the Informal Meeting of Leaders on Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace and the Islam-Christianity Dialogue, which are all mutually inclusive, reinforcing and interrelated,

*(Kazakhstan)*

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Commending* the valuable contribution of various initiatives at the national, regional and international levels, such as **the UN Tripartite Forum on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace (TFICP)**, the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, the Bali Declaration on Building Interfaith Harmony within the International Community, **the Cebu Declaration on Regional Interfaith Cooperation for Peace, Development and Human Dignity**, the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, the Dialogue among Civilizations and Cultures, the strategy of Enlightened Moderation, the Informal Meeting of Leaders on Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace and the Islam-Christianity Dialogue, **and the Bishops-Ulama Forum**, which are all mutually inclusive, reinforcing and interrelated,

*(Philippines)*

Preambular paragraph 8

Delete the existing paragraph.

*(Venezuela)*

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Recognizing* that religions play a ~~central~~ **important** role in society in terms of their contribution to shaping social and family organizations and internalizing fundamental values that can and must help us build a more tolerant and respectful society,

*(China)*

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Recognizing* that religions play an ~~central~~ **important** role in society in terms of their contribution to shaping social and family organizations and internalizing fundamental values that can and must help us build a more tolerant and respectful society,

*(India)*

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Recognizing* that religions **often** play a central role in society in terms of their contribution to shaping social and family organizations and internalizing fundamental values that can and must help us build a more tolerant and respectful society,

*(France)*

Rewrite paragraph to read as follows:

(8) ***Recognizing* that religions play a central role in society in terms of their contribution to internalizing fundamental values that can and must help us build a more tolerant and respectful societies, in particular in shaping social and family institutions and values,**

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

New preambular paragraphs 8bis and 8ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 8 to read as follows:

(8bis) ***Emphasizing* that freedom of expression can only be understood and implemented while respecting religions, beliefs and worships, in the name of the fundamental values of tolerance and peace for each and everyone and for the whole of mankind embodied in faith-based precepts,**

**(8ter) Strongly reaffirming that due respect should be paid to the spiritual values of individuals, communities and peoples; that their faiths' characteristics, religious feelings, religious sites or the symbols of their beliefs should not be prejudiced, just like the protection of those symbols should not be achieved through means condemned by the religious values themselves,**

*(Algeria)*

Preambular paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Recognizing* that interreligious dialogue and understanding **should be based on respect for the dignity of adherents of religions and beliefs, as well as on respect for diversity and on the universal promotion and protection of human rights, and must include, in particular** ~~including the awareness-raising about~~ ~~of differences and~~ commonalities among peoples and civilizations, **so as to create grounds conducive** to the peaceful resolution of conflicts and disputes, reduce the potential for animosity, clashes or violence and enable people to perceive ethnic, cultural or religious diversity as a source of cultural enrichment,

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Preambular paragraphs 9 and 10

Merge preambular paragraphs 9 and 10 as amended into one.

(9) *Recognizing* that interreligious dialogue and understanding, including the awareness of differences and commonalities among peoples and civilizations, contribute to the peaceful resolution of conflicts and disputes, reduce the potential for animosity, clashes or violence and enable people to perceive ethnic, cultural or religious diversity as a source of cultural enrichment, ~~affirming that dialogue among civilizations is a process between and within civilizations, founded on inclusion, and a collective desire to learn, uncover and examine assumptions, unfold shared meanings and core values, and integrate multiple perspectives through dialogue,~~

*(Egypt)*

Preambular paragraph 11

Delete the existing paragraph.

*(Egypt and India)*

Amend to read as follows:

(11) *Emphasizing* that dialogue among cultures and ~~civilizations~~ **religions** should primarily focus on what they have in common ~~at the practical level~~ **regarding the promotion of human values** instead of what divides them at the doctrinal level, and serve the purpose of resolving ~~practical problems while avoiding the entrenchment, or even creation of artificial~~ **difficulties of social coexistence, while avoiding the artificial construction and entrenchment of identities as well as the shaping of** ethnic, cultural or religious identities or fault lines within society and between societies,

*(Italy)*

Amend to read as follows:

(11) *Emphasizing* that **interfaith dialogue and the** dialogue among cultures and civilizations should primarily focus on what they have in common at the practical level instead of what divides them at the doctrinal level, and serve the purpose of resolving practical problems while avoiding the entrenchment, or even creation of artificial ethnic, cultural or religious identities or fault lines within society and between societies,

*(Philippines)*

Amend to read as follows:

(11) *Emphasizing* that dialogue among cultures and civilizations should primarily focus on what they have in common at the practical level instead of what divides them at the doctrinal level, and serve the purpose of resolving practical problems while avoiding the entrenchment, or even creation of artificial ethnic, cultural or religious identities or fault lines within society and between societies, **insisting on the use of non-violent and democratic means through dialogue and respect for human rights,**

*(Spain)*

Amend to read as follows:

(11) *Emphasizing* that dialogue among cultures and civilizations should primarily focus on what ~~they have in common at the practical level instead of what divides them at the doctrinal level,~~ **human beings have in common instead of what divides them,** and serve the purpose of **strengthening relations between cultures and civilisations as well as** resolving practical problems while avoiding the entrenchment, or even creation of artificial ethnic, cultural or religious identities or fault lines within society and between societies,

*(Sweden)*

Preambular paragraph 12

Delete the existing paragraph.

*(Venezuela)*

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Stressing* that a focus on dialogue between civilizations and cultures must not be invoked to justify discriminatory laws and practices within cultures and civilizations, especially regarding women, and that respect and tolerance for other cultures and civilizations must always be rooted in the overarching principle of respect of human rights, which protect the ~~individual~~ human being, regardless of sex, race, religion or political affiliation,

*(India)*

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Stressing* that ~~a focus on dialogue between civilizations and cultures must not be invoked to justify discriminatory laws and practices within cultures and civilizations, especially regarding women, and that~~ respect and tolerance for other cultures and civilizations must always be rooted in the overarching principle of respect of human rights, which protect the individual human being, regardless of sex, race, religion or political affiliation,

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Stressing* that ~~a focus on~~ **neither the importance attached to** dialogue between civilizations, ~~and cultures must not be invoked to~~ **and religions nor the legitimacy of safeguarding the identity of each social group should be invoked to** justify discriminatory laws and practices within cultures and civilizations, especially regarding women, and that respect and tolerance for other cultures and civilizations ~~must always be rooted in~~ **flow naturally from** the overarching principle of respect for human rights, which protect the individual human being, regardless of sex, race, religion or political affiliation,

*(Italy)*

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Stressing* that a focus on dialogue between civilizations and cultures must not be invoked to justify discriminatory laws and practices within cultures and civilizations, especially regarding women, **children and the elderly**, and that respect and tolerance for other cultures and civilizations must always be rooted in the overarching principle of respect for human rights, which protect the individual human being, regardless of sex, race, religion or political affiliation,

*(Mexico)*

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Stressing* that a focus on **interfaith dialogue and** dialogue between civilizations and cultures must not be invoked to justify discriminatory laws and practices within cultures and civilizations, especially regarding women, and that respect and tolerance for other cultures and civilizations must always be rooted in the overarching principle of respect for human rights, which protect the individual human being, regardless of sex, race, religion or political affiliation,

*(Philippines)*

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Stressing* that a focus on dialogue between civilizations and cultures must not be invoked to justify discriminatory laws and practices within cultures and civilizations, especially regarding women, and that respect and tolerance for other cultures and civilizations must always be rooted in the overarching principle of respect of human rights, which protect the individual human being, regardless of sex, race, religion or political affiliation, **or other elements such as sexual orientation, the right not to follow any religion, and the right to abandon the religion in which you have been raised or to change your religion or beliefs**,

*(Spain)*

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Stressing* that a focus on dialogue between civilizations and cultures must not be invoked to justify discriminatory laws and practices within cultures and civilizations, especially regarding women, and that respect and tolerance for other cultures and civilizations ~~must always be rooted in~~ **never be allowed to justify breaches of** the overarching principle of respect of **universal** human rights, which protect the individual human being, regardless of sex, race, religion or political affiliation,

*(Sweden)*



New preambular paragraph 12bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 12 to read as follows:

**(12bis) *Acknowledging the historical oppression and marginalization of women by religious traditions, the continued refusal to allow women as clergy in certain religious institutions, and the patriarchal interpretation of religious texts by men,***

*(South Africa)*

Preambular paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

(13) *Emphasizing therefore, the need, at all levels of society and among nations, to strengthen freedom, justice, respect for human rights, democracy, tolerance, solidarity, cooperation, pluralism, respect for diversity of culture and religion or belief, dialogue and understanding, which are important elements for **preserving and consolidating peace and security at national, regional and international levels,***

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

New preambular paragraph 13bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 13 to read as follows:

**(13bis) *Alarmed that the world is out of balance, increasingly complex, where polarized perceptions, fueled by injustice and inequality, often lead to violence and conflict, threatening the establishment of respect for and peaceful co-existence between all religious communities and beliefs,***

*(Indonesia)*

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 13 to read as follows:

**(13bis) *Deeply alarmed at the rising trends towards discrimination based on religion and faith, including in some national policies and laws, which stigmatize groups of people belonging to certain religions under a variety of pretexts relating to security and illegal immigration,***

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Preambular paragraphs 14 and 16

Merge preambular paragraphs 14 and 16 into one, and amend as follows:

(16) *Condemning any display of xenophobia, racism and intolerance towards immigrants and ethnic, cultural and religious minorities, ~~and~~ emphasizing that combating hatred, prejudice, intolerance and stereotyping on the basis of religion or culture represents a significant global challenge that requires further action, alarmed by the reappearance of fundamentalist and xenophobic expressions worldwide and noting that inter-religious dialogue and religious freedom are effective means to fight the scourge of intolerance,*

*(Egypt)*

Preambular paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Alarmed* by the **increasing trend of defaming and disrespecting religions and of discrimination based on religion and belief, as well as the** reappearance of fundamentalist and xenophobic expressions worldwide and noting that inter-religious dialogue and religious freedom are effective means to fight the scourge of intolerance,

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

New preambular paragraphs 14bis and 14ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 14 to read as follows:

**(14bis) Seriously concerned at all attacks upon religious places, sites and shrines, including any deliberate destruction of relics and monuments,**

**(14ter) Underlining the importance of taking all necessary and appropriate measures for the speedy elimination of such intolerance based on religion or belief in all its forms and manifestations and for the prevention and elimination of discrimination based on religion or belief,**

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Preambular paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Alarmed* that serious instances of intolerance and discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief, including acts of violence, intimidation and coercion motivated by religious intolerance, are on the increase in many parts of the world and threaten the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, ~~such as the freedom of thought, conscience and religion,~~ and *recalling* that terrorism can never be justified,

*(Egypt)*

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Alarmed* that serious instances of intolerance and discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief, including acts of violence, intimidation and coercion motivated by religious intolerance, are on the increase in many parts of the world and threaten the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, such as the freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and *recalling* that terrorism **in any form** can never be justified,

*(India)*

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Alarmed* that serious instances of intolerance, ~~and~~ discrimination **and radicalization** on the grounds of religion ~~or~~ **and** belief, ~~including~~ **in the form of** acts of violence, intimidation and coercion ~~motivated by religious intolerance,~~ are on the increase in many parts of the world and threaten the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, such as the freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and *recalling* that terrorism can never be justified,

*(Indonesia)*

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Alarmed* that serious instances of intolerance and discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief, including acts of violence, intimidation and coercion motivated by religious intolerance, are on the increase in many parts of the world and threaten the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, such as the freedom of thought, conscience and religion, ~~and recalling that terrorism can never be justified,~~

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Alarmed* that serious instances of intolerance and discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief, including acts of violence, intimidation and coercion motivated by religious intolerance, are on the increase in many parts of the world and threaten the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, such as the freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and *recalling* that terrorism and **the use of violence in the name of religion** can never be justified,

*(Japan)*

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Alarmed* that serious instances of intolerance and discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief, including acts of violence, intimidation and coercion motivated by religious intolerance, are on the increase in many parts of the world and threaten the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, such as the freedom of thought, conscience and religion, ~~and recalling that terrorism can never be justified,~~

*(Venezuela)*

New preambular paragraph 15bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 15 to read as follows:

**(15bis) *Alarmed by the attempts to oppose that which peoples may hold most sacred, that is to say their faith and their freedom, while reaffirming that these are not conflicting and that there is nothing contradictory in wanting to combine them to shape behaviours commensurate with the greatness and glory of mankind and respectful of spiritual values;***

*(Algeria)*

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 15 to read as follows:

**(15bis) *Affirming that terrorism as a global threat is not linked to any religion, race, colour or country and condemning any attempt to attribute acts of terrorism to any religion or country,***

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

New preambular paragraph 16bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 16 to read as follows:

**(16bis) *Recognizing that the misuse of the internet risks spreading intolerance and discrimination based on religion and belief,***

*(Indonesia)*

Preambular paragraph 17

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

(17) *Recalling* that parliament is the institution par excellence that embodies the diverse attributes and opinions of society and reflects and channels this diversity in the political process, and that its mission is to defuse tensions with the aim of strengthening social cohesion and solidarity, **and stressing the need to permanently enhance the representativity of parliaments,**

(Romania)

New preambular paragraph 17bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 17 to read as follows:

**(17bis) *Recalling* the horrific harm done to humanity by the construction of the Berlin Wall, we demand that the world's parliaments exhort their governments to reject the construction of physical barriers in any part of the world because they divide peoples and foster violence between communities,**

(Mexico)

Preambular paragraph 18

Amend to read as follows:

(18) *Underscoring* the particular obligation of parliaments and their members to defend and promote the rights of persons belonging to ethnic, cultural and religious minorities, thereby creating a society in which every individual enjoys all civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, **freedom of worship,** under democratic principles and conditions, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

(18) *Underscoring* the particular obligation of parliaments and their members to defend and promote the rights of persons belonging to ethnic, cultural and religious minorities, thereby creating a society in which every individual enjoys all civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, **in particular freedom of worship and the right to freely practice religious rites,** under democratic principles and conditions, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Preambular paragraph 19

Amend to read as follows:

(19) *Reaffirming*, ~~at the same time, that persons belonging to minorities should exercise their rights in good faith and with loyalty to the State in which they live, without prejudice to the principles of the sovereignty and integrity of States, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law,~~

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(19) *Reaffirming*, at the same time, that persons belonging to minorities **who in practice enjoy State protection and the aforementioned rights and liberties** should exercise their rights in good faith and with loyalty to the State in which they live, without prejudice to the principle of the sovereignty and integrity of States, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law,

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

(19) *Reaffirming*, at the same time, that ~~persons belonging to minorities~~ **all citizens** should exercise their rights in good faith and with loyalty to the State in which they live, without prejudice to the principle of the sovereignty and integrity of States, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law,

(Venezuela)

Preambular paragraphs 23 and 24

Merge preambular paragraphs 23 and 24 as amended into one:

(23) *Reiterating* that freedom of expression and freedom of the press are, as undeniable fundamental rights, two of the pillars of democracy, two long awaited freedoms for which societies and individuals have long fought against tyranny and oppression **and reaffirming** that freedom of expression should be exercised responsibly so as not to incite hatred, racism, xenophobia and the violation of human rights,

(Egypt)

Preambular paragraph 24

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Canada)

Preambular paragraph 24

Amend to read as follows:

(24) *Reaffirming* that freedom of expression **and press** should be exercised responsibly **and shall not, in any way** ~~so as not to~~ incite hatred **and prejudice towards religions, and** racism, xenophobia and **discrimination based on religion or belief, as well as** the violation of human rights,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(24) *Reaffirming* **that only the rule of law guarantees the correct balance between rights for all and the rights of the individual, and** that freedom of expression ~~should be exercised responsibly so as not to incite~~ **cannot justify incitement to** hatred, racism, xenophobia and the violation of human rights,

(Spain)

Preambular paragraph 25

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(25) *Stressing* therefore, **that the right of the media and individuals** ~~in a context in which to~~ freedom of expression and press **have to be** ~~are~~ guaranteed, and that, **at the same time, from a legal point of view, people should be asked to act responsibly while enjoying these rights,** ~~in addition to its legal rights and obligations, that the media has an ethical responsibility to citizens and society,~~ at a time when information and communication play an important role in the development of society and democratic life and are recognized for a for non-violent dialogue,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Preambular paragraphs 25 and 26

Merge paragraphs 25 and 26 and amend to read as follows:

(25) ~~*Stressing* therefore, in a context in which freedom of expression and press are guaranteed, and in addition to its legal rights and obligations,~~ that the media has an ethical responsibility to citizens and society, at a time when information and communication play an important role in the development of society and democratic life and are recognized fora for non-violent dialogue **and that stressing the crucial role of education plays a crucial role** in promoting a better understanding of other cultures and civilizations and a spirit of tolerance and the principle of non-discrimination towards all persons,

(Egypt)

Preambular paragraph 26

Amend to read as follows:

(26) *Stressing* the crucial role of education in promoting a better understanding of other cultures and civilizations and a spirit of tolerance and the principle of non-discrimination ~~towards all~~ **against any** persons,

(Sudan)

**OPERATIVE PART**

New paragraph before Section A

Add ten new paragraphs, before Section A of the operative part, to read as follows:

***Reaffirms* that respect for cultural, ethnic, religious and linguistic diversity, as well as dialogue among and within civilizations, is essential for peace, understanding and friendship among individuals and people of the different cultures and nations of the world;**

***Expresses concern* over the persistence of institutionalized social intolerance and discrimination practised against many in the name of religion or belief and *condemns* all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief;**

***Condemns as well*** any advocacy of religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence, whether it involves the use of print, audio-visual and electronic media or any other means;

***Convinced*** that equating any religion with terrorism should be avoided, as this may have adverse consequences on the enjoyment of the right to freedom of religion or belief of all members of the religious communities concerned;

***Notes with deep concern*** the intensification of religions defamation campaigns and of the negative stereotyping of religions, and ***stresses*** the need to effectively combat defamation of all religions, Islam and Muslims in particular, especially in human rights forums;

***Expresses its deep concern*** that Islam is frequently and wrongly associated with human rights violations and terrorism;

***Strongly deplores*** the attacks and assaults on places of worship of all religions as well as the targeting of religious symbols;

***Deplores*** the use of the print, audio-visual and electronic media, including the Internet, and any other means to incite acts of violence, xenophobia or related intolerance and discrimination against Islam or any other religion;

***Recognizes that, in the context of the fight against terrorism and the reaction to counter-terrorism measures, defamation of religions becomes an aggravating factor that contributes to the denial of fundamental rights and freedoms of target groups, as well as their economic and social exclusion;***

***Emphasizes*** that everyone has the right to freedom of expression, which should be exercised responsibly and may therefore be subject to limitations as required by under the law or to ensure respect for the rights or reputations of others, protection of national security, public order, public health, morality, religions and beliefs;

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Amend operative paragraph 16 as follows and move to the beginning of the operative part:

16. ***Welcomes*** ~~therefore~~ the efforts of States, relevant bodies within the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations and civil society, including faith-based and other non-governmental organizations and the media, ~~in to developing~~ ***in to promoting promote*** a culture of peace and ~~in to promoting~~ ***promote*** understanding and tolerance among human beings in their diversity of culture, religion, belief and language, and ***encourages*** them to continue such efforts, including the promotion of inter-religious and intercultural interaction within and among societies; ~~through, inter alia, congresses, conferences, seminars, workshops, research work and related processes;~~

*(Romania)*

New paragraph before operative paragraph 1

Add a new paragraph, before operative paragraph 1, to read as follows:

**Invites parliaments to ensure that national constitutional and legislative systems guarantee democracy, respect for human rights and freedom of individuals and express the importance of mutual respect and cooperation among ethnic, cultural and religious communities;**

*(Romania)*

Operative paragraph 1

Delete the existing paragraph.

*(Egypt)*

Operative paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Acknowledges* that mutual respect and cooperation among ethnic, cultural and religious communities are expressed, for the most part, not in special laws but, more effectively, in the framework of a constitution ~~guaranteeing democracy~~ **that enshrines the principles of a democratic order, to respect of for human rights, and the freedom of individuals, including religious freedom and the peaceful coexistence of ethnic and religious groups and minorities;**

*(Italy)*

Operative paragraph 2

Delete the existing paragraph.

*(Egypt and Romania)*

Operative paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Calls on* parliaments to therefore take effective measures to prevent ~~and or~~ eliminate discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief in the recognition, exercise and enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms in all fields of civil, economic, political, social and cultural life and to make all efforts to enact, or repeal where necessary, legislation prohibiting such discrimination, and to take all appropriate measures to combat intolerance on the grounds of religion or belief;

*(Sudan)*

Operative paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Urges* all parliaments to take effective measures to combat **defamation of religions, as well as** incitement to, or acts of, violence, intimidation and coercion motivated by hatred and intolerance based on culture, religion or belief, which may cause discord and disharmony within and among national religious and cultural communities, in compliance with relevant international obligations;

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*



Amend to read as follows:

4. *Urges* all parliaments to take effective measures to combat incitement to, or acts of, violence, intimidation and coercion motivated by hatred and intolerance ~~based on culture, religion or belief, which may cause discord and disharmony within and among national religious and cultural communities, in compliance with relevant international obligations;~~

(Venezuela)

New operative paragraphs 4bis and 4ter

Add two new paragraphs, after operative paragraph 4, to read as follows:

- 4bis. Underscores that religious freedom and freedom of worship are fundamental human rights that should be guaranteed by adequate legislation;**

- 4ter. Reaffirms that to profess or not a religion is a matter of personal choice and therefore calls on parliaments to ensure that such a choice is not penalized and, in particular, shall not lead to any conviction;**

(France)

New operative paragraph 5bis

Add a new paragraph, after operative paragraph 5, to read as follows:

- 5bis. Calls on parliaments to promulgate national legislations to punish perpetrators of offences against religious practices and worshipers to apply where no such legislations exist;**

(Jordan)

Operative paragraph 6

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Romania)

New operative paragraph 6bis

Add a new paragraph, after operative paragraph 6, to read as follows:

- 6bis. Calls on parliaments to urge governments to take measures conducive to a climate of social tolerance and common understanding;**

(Jordan)

Add a new paragraph, after operative paragraph 6, to read as follows:

- 6bis. Calls on parliaments to promote democratic political institutions and, to this end, invites them to ensure that organizations of all kinds use more participatory practices and avoid marginalizing and excluding and discriminating against specific sectors of society;**

(Romania)

Operative paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Urges* parliaments to ensure that international and regional agreements to preserve the identity of ethnic, cultural and religious minorities are ratified or signed by the States concerned which have not yet done so, **as well as supervise their effective implementation;**

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Replace operative paragraph 8 with new paragraph to read as follows:

8. ***Urges* parliaments to ensure that their respective countries become parties, if they have not yet done so, to the international and regional instruments that promote respect for and protect the cultural, ethnic, religious and linguistic diversity, including the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions;**

*(Romania)*

Operative paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Calls on* parliaments to ensure that religious and cultural sites are fully respected and protected ~~in compliance with international obligations and~~ in accordance with their national legislation, and to adopt adequate measures aimed at preventing acts or threats of damage to and destruction of these sites;

*(India)*

Operative paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Invites* parliaments to take effective measures to protect the freedom of the press and freedom of expression, ~~and calls on parliamentarians to help the media assume the ethical responsibility that goes with this freedom by collaborating with and making use of the media in a responsible manner;~~

*(Canada)*

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Invites* parliaments to take effective measures to protect the freedom of the press and freedom of expression, **and to enact necessary legislation compelling the media and individuals to act responsibly in enjoying these rights, and to refrain from any act to defame religions or to incite prejudice and hatred on the grounds of religion or belief** ~~calls on parliamentarians to help the media assume the ethical responsibility that goes with this freedom by collaborating with and making use of the media in a responsible manner;~~

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Invites* parliaments to take effective measures to protect the freedom of the press and freedom of expression, and *calls on* parliamentarians to help the media assume the ethical responsibility that goes with this freedom ~~by collaborating with and making use of the media in a responsible manner,~~ **and to support the production of media content that enhances understanding and respect among different cultures;**

*(Romania)*

Operative paragraphs 12

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Calls on* parliaments, as appropriate, to promote policies designed to nurture understanding, tolerance and friendship among human beings in their diversity of religion, belief, culture and language, including through education, ~~as well as the development of relevant teaching curricula and text books,~~ which will address the cultural, social, economic, political and religious sources of intolerance, and to mainstream a gender perspective while doing so, in order to promote understanding, tolerance, peace, mutual respect and friendly relations within and between societies and all racial and religious groups, recognizing that education at all levels is one of the principal means of building a culture of peace;

*(India)*

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Calls on* parliaments, as appropriate, to promote policies designed to nurture understanding, tolerance and friendship among human beings **and between societies and all racial and religious groups**, in their diversity of religion, belief, culture and language, including through education, ~~as well as the development of relevant teaching curricula and text books,~~ which will address the cultural, social, economic, political and religious sources of intolerance, and to mainstream a gender perspective while doing so, in order to promote understanding, tolerance, peace, mutual respect and friendly relations within and between societies and all racial and religious groups, recognizing that education at all levels **since education** is one of the principal means of building a culture of peace, **understanding and tolerance;**

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Calls on* parliaments, as appropriate, to promote policies designed to nurture understanding, tolerance and friendship among human beings in their diversity of religion, belief, culture and language, ~~including through education, as well as the development of relevant teaching curricula and text books,~~ which will address the cultural, social, economic, political and religious sources of intolerance, and to mainstream a gender perspective while doing so, in order to promote understanding, tolerance, peace, mutual respect and friendly relations within and between societies and all racial and religious groups, recognizing that education at all levels is one of the principal means of building a culture of peace;

*(Romania)*

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Calls on* parliaments, as appropriate, to promote policies designed to nurture understanding, tolerance and friendship among human beings in their diversity of religion, belief, culture and language, ~~including through education, as well as the development of relevant teaching curricula and text books, which will address the cultural, social, economic, political and religious sources of intolerance, and to mainstream a gender perspective while doing so,~~ in order to promote understanding, tolerance, peace, mutual respect and friendly relations within and between societies and all racial and religious groups, recognizing that education at all levels is one of the principal means of building a culture of peace;

*(Venezuela)*

New operative paragraphs 12bis and 12ter

Add two new paragraph based on operative paragraph 12, as amended, to read as follows:

- 12bis. Urges parliaments to promote education as a key means of building a culture of peace, and to support the development of relevant teaching curricula and text books addressing the cultural, social, economic, political and religious sources of intolerance, and to mainstream a gender perspective while doing so, in order to promote understanding, tolerance, peace, mutual respect and friendly relations within and between societies and all racial and religious groups; also calls on parliaments to take the necessary action so as to ensure equal access to education for all;**

- 12ter. Calls for enhanced efforts to make parliaments more representative of the cultural diversity within their societies, and emphasizes, in this respect, the importance of free and fair electoral processes and inclusive parliamentary procedures;**

*(Romania)*

Operative paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Recognizes* that respect for religious and cultural diversity and dialogue between different religions and cultures in an increasingly globalized world promotes enhanced understanding among religions, cultures and civilizations and contributes to international cooperation, **peace and security;**

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Operative paragraphs 13, 14 and 15

Delete operative paragraphs 13, 14 and 15 and add one new consolidated paragraph to preambular part after preambular paragraph 1.

*(Egypt)*

Operative paragraphs 13, 14, 15 and 16

Delete the existing paragraphs.

*(Romania)*

New operative paragraph 13bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 13 to read as follows:

**13bis. Recognizes that, particularly regarding existing disputes between religious communities, the involvement of the parties concerned in dialogue is important in order to enhance the effectiveness of conflict resolution and peace building;**

*(Japan)*

Operative paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

14. *Acknowledges that respect for the diversity of religions and cultures, tolerance, dialogue and cooperation in a climate of mutual trust and understanding, can contribute to the combating of ideologies and practices based on discrimination, **especially against women**, intolerance, **divisive identity-politics** and hatred and help to reinforce world peace, social justice and friendship among peoples;*

*(Italy)*

Amend to read as follows:

14. *Acknowledges that respect for the diversity of religions and cultures, tolerance, dialogue and cooperation in a climate of mutual trust and understanding, can contribute to the combating of ideologies and practices based on discrimination, intolerance and hatred and help to reinforce world peace, social justice and friendship among peoples;*

*(Venezuela)*

Operative paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

15. *Also recognizes that, despite intolerance and conflicts that are creating a divide across countries and regions and constituting a growing threat to peaceful relations among nations, all cultures and civilizations ~~share a common set of universal values and~~ can all contribute to the enrichment of Humankind;*

*(India)*

Amend to read as follows:

15. *Also recognizes that, despite intolerance and conflicts that are creating a divide across countries and regions and constituting a growing threat to peaceful relations among nations, all **religious** cultures and civilizations share a common set of universal values and can all contribute to the enrichment of Humankind;*

*(Philippines)*

Amend to read as follows:

15. *Also recognizes that, ~~despite intolerance and conflicts that are creating a divide across countries and regions and constituting a growing threat to peaceful relations among nations,~~ all cultures and civilizations share a common set of universal values and can all contribute to the enrichment of Humankind;*

*(Venezuela)*

New operative paragraph 15bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 15 to read as follows:

**15bis. Urges governments to take measures to prevent the use of the internet to spread intolerance and discrimination based on religion and belief;**

*(Indonesia)*

Operative paragraph 17

Delete the paragraph.

*(India)*

Amend to read as follows:

17. *Calls on* parliaments to take all necessary **legal** action to combat **defamation and disrespect for religions and discrimination based on religion or belief, as well as** incitement to or acts of violence, intimidation and coercion motivated by hatred and intolerance based on culture, religion or belief, which may cause discord and disharmony within and among societies globally, in compliance with relevant international obligations;

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Amend to read as follows:

17. *Calls on* parliaments to take all necessary action to combat incitement to or acts of violence, intimidation and coercion motivated by hatred and intolerance ~~based on culture, religion or belief~~, which may cause discord and disharmony within and among societies globally, in compliance with relevant international obligations;

*(Venezuela)*

Operative paragraph 18

Amend to read as follows:

18. *Invites* national parliaments and parliamentarians, **in keeping with initiatives on greater IPU-UN cooperation,** to take an active part in the programmes of the United Nations and UNESCO for **interreligious and interfaith dialogue and** the dialogue among civilizations and cultures and to encourage their governments to **join the Tripartite Forum on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace and to** contribute to such programmes, in particular to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the High-Level Group of the Alliance of Civilizations;

*(Philippines)*

New operative paragraph 18bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 18 to read as follows:

**18bis. Urges parliaments and parliamentarians to build bridges between societies, to promote dialogue and understanding and to forge a collective will to address the world's imbalances;**

*(Indonesia)*

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 18 to read as follows:

- 18bis. Calls on parliaments to encourage their governments to create in each cultural sphere an environment conducive to activities such as translation of fundamental books on politics, economics, literature, and philosophy, and to the fostering of research, in order to promote an accurate understanding of different cultures;**  
(Japan)

Operative paragraph 19

Amend to read as follows:

19. Invites parliaments to **enact legislation** ~~consider measures~~ to counter the dissemination, in the media and via the Internet, of hate messages based on culture, religion or belief;  
(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

19. Invites parliaments to consider measures to counter the dissemination, in the media and via the Internet, of hate messages ~~based on culture, religion or belief~~ **which may incite different cultural, religious, and beliefs expressions to hatred;**  
(Venezuela)

New operative paragraph 19bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 19 to read as follows:

- 19bis. Calls on governments to take effective measures empowering the moderates and strengthening the voice of moderation, inter alia through dialogue and cooperation among and between religious leaders, academics, media practitioners and other community leaders, in order to eliminate intolerance, discrimination and radicalization on the grounds of religion and belief;**  
(Indonesia)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 19 to read as follows:

- 19bis. Encourages parliaments to actively support efforts by international organizations and national governments to resolve disputes between religious communities and to make their own contributions to the resolution of such disputes by, for example, engaging in direct discussions with parliamentarians of the countries concerned, by addressing such matters in parliaments and proposing to their governments ideas to help resolve conflicts;**  
(Japan)

Operative paragraph 21

Amend to read as follows:

21. Urges parliaments and parliamentarians to establish **both** a parliamentary **interfaith dialogue and** dialogue among civilizations and cultures, within the framework of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and through initiatives such as the establishment of inter-parliamentary friendship groups;  
(Philippines)

Amend to read as follows:

21. *Urges* parliaments and parliamentarians to **strengthen the** ~~establish a~~ parliamentary dialogue among civilizations and cultures, within the framework of the Inter-Parliamentary Union **and the various inter-parliamentary assemblies and networks they participate in**, and through **bilateral** initiatives such as the establishment of inter-parliamentary friendship groups;

*(Romania)*

New operative paragraph 21bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 21 to read as follows:

- 21bis. *Calls on* the United Nations - with relevant support from IPU - to draft an international covenant to protect the right of individuals and groups to enjoy religious liberties and to exercise their role as citizens regardless of their religious beliefs;**

*(Jordan)*

New operative paragraph 22bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 22 to read as follows:

- 22bis. *Calls on* all parliaments to contribute to the development of international legislation demanding full respect for all religions and their symbols, prohibiting the use of freedom of expression as a pretext to offend religions, thus reducing hate among individuals and within nations;**

*(Kuwait)*

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 22 to read as follows:

- 22bis. *Emphasizes* the need to develop a legally-binding international instrument to ensure respect for religions, prohibiting their defamation and preventing incitement of hatred, prejudice and discrimination on religious grounds, and to prepare grounds conducive to it, and *decides* to establish an IPU Open-Ended Ad-Hoc Committee, including one delegate from each Parliamentary Group, to develop an International Declaration to ensure respect for religions, prohibit their defamation and prevent incitement of hatred, prejudice and discrimination on religious grounds;**

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*