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Invitation Letter for 6th IBRAF Annual Meeting & International Conference

The Term Presidency and the Permanent Secretariat of IBRAF (OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum) present their compliments to the broadcasting regulatory authorities or governmental bodies with similar functions of the OIC Member States and have the honour to invite you to the **6th IBRAF Annual Meeting and International Conference which will be held on 19-20 February 2018 in Cotonou, Benin** to be hosted by the High Authority for Audiovisual Media and Communications (HAAC) of Republic of Benin.

As already known, the Indonesian Broadcasting Commission (KPI) generously accepted to host the 5th IBRAF Annual Meeting and International Conference on 21-23 February 2017, in Bandung, Indonesia. We are grateful to acknowledge that the meeting was very fruitful, in which the subjects of “**Media Literacy & Media Landscape for World Harmony**” were discussed (Annex 1), media landscape in IBRAF Member States was explored and various opportunities were created for establishing cooperative relations among the IBRAF Members. Moreover, the “Bandung Declaration on the Role of Media in Promoting Tolerance and Combatting Terrorism and Islamophobia” was adopted.

IBRAF Term Presidency and IBRAF PS are pleased to reiterate that based on the Resolution No 12/11 INF taken at the OIC Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM) Meeting in Jeddah on 19-22 December 2016, IBRAF has been authorized to function as OIC Audiovisual Media Observatory to generate a database for TV and Radio channels operating in all OIC member states, which will become available on the official website of IBRAF (www.oic-ibraf.org). Therefore, a list/table (Annex 2) of TV and radio channels from all OIC members will be compiled in order to establish grounds and infrastructure for and facilitate cooperation among broadcasters in the field of audiovisual media services. The table of TV and radio channels indicating their MEDIUM of Broadcast such as Terrestrial, Satellite and Cable/IPTV, THEME of Broadcast whether they are general or thematic (news, religion, children, sports, music, cinema-serials and teleshopping) and their STATUS whether they are public broadcaster or private/commercial one is kindly requested to be filled according to the template attached to this invitation letter.

The Agenda of the 6th IBRAF Annual Meeting and International Conference (Annex 3) is shared for your consideration. We would be glad if you kindly send your comments or proposals to the IBRAF Permanent Secretariat until **29 January 2018** at the latest.

We would very much appreciate that you confirm as early as possible the participation of your delegation by returning the attached Registration Form (Annex 4) by **29 January 2018**, at the latest. Meanwhile, we would like to inform you that IBRAF PS will be able to cover *the accommodation and flights expenditure* for one delegate only from each Least Developed Countries (LDC) classified by the OIC on the base of “first come first served” principle due to the limited budget. Therefore you are urged to confirm your participation as early as possible.

We sincerely hope that you and your delegation will actively take part in this meeting so that we could have the opportunity to share opinions and experiences and your valuable contributions.

The Term Presidency and the Permanent Secretariat of IBRAF avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to **the Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities or Governmental bodies with similar functions** of the OIC Member States the assurances of their highest consideration.

Att:

- Annex 1. The Report of the 5th Annual Meeting
- Annex 2. The Template Table for OIC Audiovisual Observatory
- Annex 3. The Draft Agenda for 6th Annual Meeting
- Annex 4. The Registration Form



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List of Countries which IBRAF PS will be able to cover the flights and accommodation expenditure of one delegate according to OIC Principles and Procedures is below:

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| 1. Afghanistan | 10. Guinea-Bissau | 19. Sierra Leone |
| 2. Bangladesh | 11. Kyrgyz Republic | 20. Somalia |
| 3. Benin | 12. Maldives | 21. Sudan |
| 4. Burkina Faso | 13. Mali | 22. Tajikistan |
| 5. Chad | 14. Mauritania | 23. Togo |
| 6. Comoros | 15. Mozambique | 24. Uganda |
| 7. Djibouti | 16. Niger | 25. Yemen |
| 8. Gambia | 17. Palestine | |
| 9. Guinea | 18. Senegal | |