

Mr. President,

Under the guidance of Article 39 of the Vienna Declaration, which calls for responsible and impartial dissemination of human rights and humanitarian information, and in alignment with the concerns raised by the Special Rapporteur in her report *A/HRC/47/25* to the Human Rights Council on the detrimental effects of disinformation, OIPMA wishes to highlight an issue of pressing importance.

The MENA region has witnessed the adept manipulation of information by political Islam groups, a trend that not only stokes the fires of conflict and sectarian strife but also appeals to the youth as a recruitment tool for extremist factions in various LDCs, including Yemen, Sudan, and Somalia.

In light of these challenges, OIPMA recommends that this Council consider the formation of a dedicated Working Group on Disinformation. This body would be tasked with the critical evaluation of information to discern its veracity, origins, and intents, thereby shielding the UN human rights framework from the infiltration of falsities.

Thank you, Mr. President.