

Resolution on Fostering International Peace, Security, and Prosperity through Cooperation between the G20 Religion Forum (R20) and IDC-CDI

The IDC-CDI,

• *Deeply conscious* that religious believers constitute the single largest demographic within the human family, whose share of the global population is estimated to exceed 80%;

• *Contemplating* the immense and enduring power of religion to shape the world's sociocultural and geopolitical landscape — both for good and for ill — despite the expectations of many that religion would lose its motivating force in the 21st century;

• *Noting with appreciation* that the world's largest Muslim organization, Nahdlatul Ulama, founded the G20 Religion Forum (R20) in conjunction with Indonesia's Presidency of the G20;

• *Lauding* the Government of Indonesia and CDI member party PKB for incorporating the R20 into the official program of G20 Main Events in 2022, and for hosting the R20 Summit in Bali two weeks before the 17th annual G20 Heads of State and Government Summit, which also took place in Nusa Dua, Bali;

• Recognizing that this was the first time religion was ever placed on the official G20 agenda;

• *Noting with approval* that the R20 explicitly seeks to "ensure that religion functions as a genuine and dynamic source of solutions, rather than problems," on the world stage;

• *Welcoming* the fact that the primary objective of Nahdlatul Ulama and the R20 is to build a global movement dedicated to the proposition that religion should foster compassion, reconciliation, forgiveness, and peace — rather than hatred, extremism, violence, and revenge — for the benefit of all humanity;

• *Observing with satisfaction* that members of the R20 Permanent Secretariat and the R20 Board include high-profile religious authorities and scholars from the world's major faith communities, religious and academic institutions, and G20 Member States;

• *Recalling* that IDC-CDI endorsed the G20 Religion Forum (R20) in a resolution unanimously adopted in Bled, Slovenia, on 18 May 2023;

• *Recognizing* that the people of Africa are deeply religious, and that it is vital their voice be heard upon the world stage;

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• Congratulating the African Union upon its recent accession to the G20 as a full member;

• *Considering* that the United States of America will host the G20 in 2026, which coincides with the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence;

• *Cognizant* that the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution anticipated, in important respects, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948;

• *Acknowledging* the philosophical and historic links between the U.S. rights tradition, Western Humanism, and Christian Democracy;

• *Firmly convinced* of the need to strengthen the bonds of fraternity between the diverse peoples, religions, and cultures of the world;

The CDI:

• *Affirms* the value of the R20 as a means of providing a seat at the G20 table for religious communities and their leaders;

• *Strongly encourages* the U.S. Government to recognize an R20 International Summit of Religious Authorities (R20 ISORA) as an official G20 Main Event in 2026, in conjunction with the U.S. Presidency of the G20;

• *Calls upon* its member parties, and all G20 Member States, including the United States of America, to cooperate in securing recognition of the R20 as a permanent G20 Engagement Group;

• *Urges* CDI member parties and all G20 Member States, including the United States of America, to prioritize long-term cooperation with the world's major religions through the existing mechanism of the G20 Religion Forum (R20), in order to foster international peace, security, and prosperity.

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