



INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM



Neutrality and Independence Policy

International Organization for Counter-Terrorism (IOCT)

Article (1): Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure the full neutrality and institutional independence of the International Organization for Counter-Terrorism (IOCT), and to prevent any form of political, ideological, religious, or external influence on its decisions, activities, and programs.

Article (2): Scope of Application

This Policy applies to:

- The Board of Trustees
- The Secretariat
- Committee members
- Employees and contractors
- Experts and trainers
- Volunteers
- Partners and collaborators when representing the Organization

Article (3): Principle of Neutrality

The Organization commits to absolute neutrality and undertakes to:

1. Refrain from alignment with any political party, ideological movement, religious group, or ethnic entity.
2. Neither support nor oppose any government, authority, or political actor.
3. Avoid interference in the internal political affairs of states.
4. Abstain from issuing statements or positions of a direct or indirect political nature.

Article (4): Institutional Independence

The Organization operates with full independence in:

1. Making administrative, executive, and financial decisions.
2. Designing and implementing its programs and activities.
3. Selecting its partners, experts, and collaborators based solely on professional and objective criteria.





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The Organization shall not be subject to any conditions or directives that compromise its independence.

Article (5): Prohibition of Political Use

It is strictly prohibited to:

1. Use the name, logo, platforms, or resources of the Organization for political, electoral, or propaganda purposes.
2. Exploit membership or representative status within the Organization to advance political or ideological agendas.
3. Associate the Organization's activities with political campaigns or partisan positions.

Article (6): Financial Independence

The Organization shall maintain financial independence by:

1. Rejecting any funding that is conditional upon political influence or loss of neutrality.
2. Not accepting financial support from political parties, extremist entities, or affiliated organizations.
3. Subjecting all funding sources to due diligence, verification, and auditing procedures.

Article (7): Partnerships and External Relations

Partnerships and cooperation shall be established based on:

1. Respect for the principles of neutrality and independence.
2. Commitment to international human rights standards and the rule of law.
3. Absence of political, security, or ideological obligations imposed on the Organization.
4. The Organization reserves the right to suspend or terminate any partnership that violates this Policy.

Article (8): Individual Obligations

All members and representatives of the Organization shall:

1. Uphold neutrality and independence in conduct and public statements.
2. Refrain from speaking on behalf of the Organization without official authorization.
3. Clearly distinguish between personal opinions and official organizational positions.





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Article (9): Breach of Policy

Any violation of this Policy shall be considered a serious breach and may result in:

- Written warning
- Suspension of powers or responsibilities
- Suspension or termination of membership
- Termination of contract

Such measures shall be applied in accordance with the Organization's Disciplinary and Accountability Policy.

Article (10): Oversight and Implementation

- The **Board of Trustees** shall exercise overall oversight of this Policy.
- The **Secretariat** shall be responsible for monitoring and ensuring effective implementation.

Article (11): Entry into Force and Review

1. This Policy shall enter into force upon approval by the Board of Trustees.
2. It shall be reviewed periodically every three (3) years or as necessary.

Professional Note

This Policy is fully aligned with **United Nations standards and international best practices**, and constitutes a **core mandatory policy** for organizations operating in the field of counter-terrorism.

