



INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM



Non-Association of Terrorism with Religion or Ethnicity Policy

International Organization for Counter-Terrorism (IOCT)

Article (1): Purpose

This Policy aims to firmly establish the principle that terrorism and violent extremism shall not be associated with any religion, ethnicity, culture, or collective identity, and to affirm that terrorism is a criminal phenomenon—whether individual or organizational—that does not represent any religious, ethnic, or cultural group.

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): Core Principles

The Organization commits to the following principles:

1. Rejection of all forms of collective blame and stigmatization.
2. Respect for religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity.
3. Clear separation between terrorist acts and any religious or ethnic affiliation.
4. Promotion of a rights-based discourse grounded in human dignity.

Article (4): Institutional Commitments

The Organization shall:

1. Use precise, neutral, and responsible language in all statements, reports, and research outputs.
2. Avoid terminology or expressions that may lead to stigmatization or discrimination.
3. Consistently affirm that terrorism has no religion and no ethnicity.
4. Integrate this principle into training, awareness, and media programs.





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Article (5): Media and Communication

In its media and communication activities, the Organization shall:

1. Refrain from linking terrorist acts to any religion, ethnicity, or culture.
2. Scientifically and rights-based refute narratives that associate terrorism with collective identities.
3. Support responsible media practices that counter stereotypes and hate speech.

Article (6): Research and Reporting

In its research and analytical work, the Organization shall:

1. Adopt context-based analyses addressing political, social, economic, and ideological factors.
2. Avoid simplistic or ideologically driven interpretations of terrorism.
3. Uphold scientific methodology, objectivity, and academic integrity.

Article (7): Partnerships and Cooperation

The Organization shall not:

1. Enter into partnerships with entities that promote the association of terrorism with any religion, ethnicity, or community.
2. Accept funding or support from entities that employ discriminatory or exclusionary rhetoric.

Any partnership found to be inconsistent with this Policy may be suspended or terminated.

Article (8): Individual Responsibilities

All members and representatives of the Organization shall:

1. Respect this Policy in their professional conduct and public statements.
2. Refrain from making statements that offend or stigmatize religious or ethnic groups.
3. Clearly distinguish between personal opinions and the official positions of the Organization.





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Article (9): Breach of Policy

Any violation of this Policy shall be considered a serious breach and shall be subject to disciplinary and accountability measures in accordance with the Organization's applicable policies.

Article (10): 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.

