FORUM: General Assembly 1- International Security and Disarmament

QUESTION OF: Tackling the influences of foreign nations on national elections

SUBMITTED BY: Saudi Arabia

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Desiring to create a political system where sovereignty and territorial integrity of the states are respected,

Strongly desiring to educate the populace to the perils of outside influence by implementing policies that deliver on social, economic and political fronts,

Noting the importance of creating a neighborhood with shared cultural heritage which dissuades implanting of alien ideals and practices that affect the social and political fabric,

Further noting the importance of implementing new technologies for advancements and denouncing their use for propaganda in the name of social reforms, democracy, human ri-ghts and interference in internal matters of sovereign states,

- 1. Calls upon members states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to:
 - a. ensure social, economic and political wellbeing of its citizens,
 - b. ensure stability and peace in the region,
- 2. Requests Member States of G20, G7, BRICS and other Multinational Fora to:
 - a. respect territorial integrity, sovereignty and wellbeing of all
 - b. to introduce Resolution to urge all Member States to settle contentious issues through dialogue
 - c. enact legislations which prohibit sinister use of technology and misuse of media for propaganda and interference in internal matters of sovereign states;
- 3. <u>Further requests</u> the Assembly to:
 - a. create a Joint Working Group (JWG) for better policy coordination between the member states on the matters of liberty, freedom and political rights
 - b. create a Joint Action Committee (JAC) for uniform implementation of policies and frameworks, that may be enacted based on the recommendations of the JWG;
- 4. <u>Further calls upon</u> the Secretary General to introduce a Resolution containing Model Legislation which will ensure synchronization of similar legislation amongst Member States for monitoring, development and non-lethal use of such technologies;

- 5. <u>Proposes</u> the creation of an international team of monitors, made up of representatives from the UN to oversee elections around the world and ensure they are free from outside influence;
- 6. <u>Calls for</u> all countries to agree to a clear international rule that bans interference in the elections of other nations, ensuring respect for each country's right to choose its leaders with heavy sanctions if this rule is broken;
- 7. <u>Demands</u> the promotion of awareness regarding propaganda and fake news through the following means:
 - a. Utilizing social media platforms to educate the public;
 - b. Implementing additional high school lessons focused on identifying fake news;
 - c. Distributing a comprehensive guide on how to detect fake news and propaganda;