

Defining and Regulating Misinformation

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

- P1. *Recalling* the fundamental right to freedom of speech enshrined in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and emphasising that this must not be violated under the vague guise of combating ‘misinformation’,
 - P2. *Acknowledging* the differences between misinformation, disinformation and mal information in order to rightfully bring justice upon those who have committed violations,
 - P3. *Expressing* concern that certain international organizations and non-governmental entities may operate beyond their intended mandates, potentially infringing on national sovereignty and influencing domestic information policies without adequate accountability,
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- O1. Deplores any international treaty, framework, or body that seeks to impose global speech standards, affirming that the people of a state – not foreign actors – decide what information they trust,
 - O2. Urges the adoption of a clear, non-legally binding and distinctive definition separating misinformation, disinformation and mal-information from one another, to ensure that only intentional, malicious actors – including those engaged in foreign interference - are exposed while safeguarding national sovereignty and upholding the universal right to freedom of speech,
 - O3. Calls upon Member States to firmly oppose international or foreign attempts to impose censorship and to strengthen cybersecurity defences against malicious state and non-state actors aiming to undermine public trust and national sovereignty,
 - O4. Encourages Member States to critically evaluate and, where appropriate, reconsider funding and support for international organizations and non-governmental entities, ensuring such resources are aligned with national interests, promote transparency, and do not undermine sovereignty or free speech.

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