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<i>Title / Título / Titre:</i>	Resolution on Sectarian Discourse, Hate Speech, and Their Impact on Youth in the Middle East
<i>Organization / Organización / Organisation:</i>	PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ORGANIZATION
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1. Whereas the Middle East is increasingly dominated by an escalating
 2. climate of sectarian discourse and hate speech that threatens the stability
 3. of states, undermines the functioning of public institutions, and weakens
 4. the unity of societies; and whereas sectarian polarization has become
 5. normalized among certain political and social forces, manifesting in calls
 6. for separation, fragmentation, and the promotion of sectarian or identity-
 7. based entities at the expense of shared citizenship and the modern state;

8. Whereas this reality is fueled by prolonged wars, occupation, and sectarian
 9. conflicts, in which political leaders and regional powers instrumentalize
 10. fear, identity, and religious difference to consolidate power and justify
 11. violence, thereby deepening social divisions and perpetuating cycles of
 12. conflict.

13. Whereas examples of this dangerous practice can be seen in the sectarian
 14. and exclusionary discourse employed by the Israeli government under
 15. Benjamin Netanyahu, which frames the conflict through narratives of fear
 16. and collective punishment, reinforcing hatred and radicalization among
 17. youth on both sides, as well as in the policies of the Iranian regime, which
 18. has systematically mobilized sectarian identity across the region to



19.expand influence, entrench armed groups, and weaken state institutions
20.in multiple Middle Eastern countries;

21.Whereas youth across the Middle East are the primary victims of this
22.discourse, growing up in environments shaped by polarization, hatred,
23.and violence, which deprive them of opportunities, undermine their
24.belief in democratic citizenship, and obstruct their ability to contribute to
25.inclusive, productive, and merit-based institutions.

26.Whereas this context presents a serious challenge for progressive and
27.leftist youth who believe in human rights, individual freedoms, social
28.justice, equality, institutional governance, meritocracy, and the
29.productive potential of individuals beyond sectarian, religious, or ethnic
30.identity.

31.Therefore, this resolution affirms that sectarian discourse and hate speech
32.are not accidental phenomena, but deliberate political tools used by
33.authoritarian, colonial, and sectarian forces to maintain control, suppress
34.dissent, and divide societies.

35.This resolution calls for the rejection of all forms of sectarian incitement
36.and hate speech, and for the promotion of inclusive national narratives
37.based on citizenship, equality before the law, and respect for human
38.dignity. It emphasizes the urgent need to equip youth with critical
39.thinking, civic education, and political awareness that enable them to
40.challenge divisive narratives and build cross-community solidarity.

41.This resolution further stresses the responsibility of political leaders,
42.media outlets, and educational institutions, to cease the use of
43.inflammatory rhetoric and to actively counter narratives of hatred and
44.exclusion. It calls for the creation of civic spaces that allow young people
45.to organize, participate, and engage politically based on shared social,
46.economic, and democratic interests rather than imposed identities.

47.Finally, the Progressive Youth Organization asks all socialist
48.organizations and parties to implement projects that helps in combating



49.hate speech and far-right extremism sectarianism which is essential to the
50.future of the Middle East. The struggle for freedom, justice, and social
51.equality cannot succeed in fragmented societies governed by fear and
52.hate. Only by rejecting sectarian discourse and strengthening inclusive,
53.accountable institutions can the region’s youth reclaim their role as agents
54.of democratic change and social progress.