

RESOLUTION V – STATE OF KUWAIT

THEME : CONFLICTS AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

CONCERN : CONDEMNATION OF THE DESECRATION OF THE HOLY BOOKS OF THE THREE ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Saddened by the desecration of the Quran on 15 April 2022 by the Swedish far-right activist Rasmus Paludan in Örebro, Sweden, and in January 2023 in front of the Turkish Embassy in Stockholm, as well as the repeated desecration and burning of the Quran by the Iraqi refugee Salwan Momika in Sweden and various far-right activists across Europe. As well as the burning of a Hebrew Bible in front of the Israeli Embassy in Stockholm.

Notes that these events constitute incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence directed against certain persons on the grounds of their religion, and also impede the full exercise of their fundamental rights and freedoms.

Adds that these events have provoked tensions and riots, as in Baghdad in Iraq when the Swedish Embassy was set on fire before dawn during a demonstration organised by supporters of the influential Shia leader Moqtada Sadr. Threats against Sweden have also been made by the terrorist groups ISIS, Al Qaida and Hezbollah.

Requests States to adopt national law enforcement policies and frameworks to address, prevent and prosecute acts and incitements of religious hatred that lead to discrimination, hostility or violence, and to take immediate measures to ensure religious peace.

The french text is binding.