



**REPORT
OF THE CONTACT GROUP MEETING
ON SIERRA LEONE**

NEW YORK

19th September 2016

The OIC Contact Group on Sierra Leone met at the Ministerial level on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting of the OIC Foreign Ministers in New York, on 19th September 2016, and reviewed the latest situation in the country.

1. The meeting noted with satisfaction that Sierra Leone has managed with the assistance of the international community and OIC Member States and institutions to overcome the deadly Ebola Virus Disease which claimed thousands of lives in the country.
2. In order to sustain this positive trend given the sensitivity of Ebola virus, the meeting urged Sierra Leonean authorities to avoid any relapse which could annihilate all efforts and initiatives put up globally to control and eradicate the Ebola disease. The meeting subsequently called on all stakeholders at the national, regional and international level to continue to cooperate and assist Sierra Leone develop and further upgrade its medical facilities, water sewage systems and sanitation so as to be more prepared to control and manage the outbreak of any epidemic which could spread to the West African Region.

3. The meeting also invited OIC Member States to continue to extend material, financial and scientific support to Sierra Leone in its efforts to kick Ebola out of Sierra Leone and West Africa as a whole while mitigating the negative impact of the disease on the economic performance of the country.
4. Given the huge mineral resources of Sierra Leone and also its agricultural potentials, the meeting called on OIC Member States, investors and businessmen to support Sierra Leone so as to develop and set up private and public investments which will boost the economy of the country which needs direct productive investments to provide jobs and growth opportunities.
5. The meeting reiterated its thanks and appreciation to the State of Qatar, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam and the Islamic Solidarity Fund for the financial support extended to the OIC Trust Fund for Sierra Leone at its inception and called for the replenishment of the said Fund. It urged the OIC General Secretariat to finalise the process of unifying all Funds under the roof of one joint Secretariat which will be based in Doha, State of Qatar so as to give a renewed impetus to its activities in Sierra Leone.