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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 Monday 28 September 2015, 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, OIC Member States and the relevant institutions to overcome the deadly Ebola Virus Disease which claimed many casualties in the country.
2. In order to keep this positive trend going and given the sensitivity of Ebola, the meeting urged Sierra Leonean authorities to maintain vigilance and 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 whether national, regional and international to join hands 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 viral deadly disease which could spread to the whole West African Region.
3. The meeting also invited OIC Member States to urgently extend material, financial and technical support to Sierra Leone in its efforts to eradicate Ebola out of Sierra Leone and West Africa as a whole so as to mitigate the negative impact of the disease on the economic performance of the country.
4. 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 further financial contributions to replenish the depleted financial resources of the said Fund and urged the OIC General Secretariat to speed up the process of unifying all Funds under one joint Secretariat which will be based in Doha, State of Qatar.