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The OIC Contact Group on Somalia met at the ministerial level on 23rd September 2013 on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers during the 68th session of the UNGA in New York. The meeting reviewed the developments in Somalia and received a briefing from the Somali Foreign Minister and the OIC Secretary General. It also heard interventions from other members of the Contact Group. During deliberations on the peace building process and the stabilization of the country, the meeting agreed on the following:

i The meeting reaffirmed its respect for the unity, stability and territorial integrity of Somalia and urged all countries to do the same .

ii The meeting took note of the overall steady progress being made by Somalia since the end of the transition and reiterated its full support for the Federal Government (FG) of Somalia under President Hassan Sheikh Mohamoud. It encouraged the FG to continue its outreach efforts in order to achieve comprehensive national reconciliation including with the regions as a basis for durable peace in Somalia, facilitate the finalization of the constitution and holding national elections as planned on the basis on universal suffrage.

iii The meeting commended the FG, the Somali Security Forces and AMISOM for the progress made in the security sector and urged them to sustain the momentum.

iv The meeting condemned all acts of terrorism and violence by remnants of the insurgent Al-Shabaab militants who target public officials and innocent persons and stressed that such criminal acts were contrary to the noble values of Islam and called on the militants to drop their weapons and join the peace building process.

v The meeting welcomed the initiative of the FG to package the Six Pillar Plan and expressed its full support to the Policy which seeks to address the current challenges facing Somalia. In this context, the meeting recalled the Somalia Conference of 7 May 2013 in London and urged the international community to continue to provide in a coordinated and sustained support for the implementation of the Plan. The meeting further welcomed the New Deal Compact adopted at the 16th September 2013 Conference in Brussels which set out the obligations of both the international community and Somalia in the reconstruction process.

vi The meeting requested the Member States to increase their assistance to the FG in its peace building and reconstruction efforts as well as in institution and state building and encouraged the Secretary General to follow-up on the outcome of his successful visit to Mogadishu on 8 October 2012.

vii The meeting, while welcoming the partial lifting of the arms embargo, appealed to the UNSC to review the decision and end the ban completely to accelerate the building of the capacity in the security sector.
