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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 23rd September 2013, and reviewed the latest situation in the country.

1. The meeting commended the efforts being deployed by the OIC General Secretariat in giving a high profile to the causes of Sierra Leone as well as the initiatives undertaken by the OIC Secretary General to assist the Republic of Sierra Leone in its efforts towards recovery and sustainable development.
2. The meeting also urged all Member States to assist Sierra Leone in developing and upgrading its medical facilities, water sewage systems and sanitation so as to control the outbreak of epidemics such as cholera and water-borne diseases.
3. The meeting lamented the dire financial situation of the Sierra Leone Trust Fund and requested that very urgent actions be undertaken with the State of Qatar and other major donors to revive the existing Fund. The meeting

stressed the need for the Fund to diversify its activities in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone which has set priorities in the fields of low cost housing, development of agriculture, tourism industry, mining, banking and education.

4. The meeting acknowledged the important progress made by Sierra Leone in the areas of democracy, infrastructural development, education and agriculture under the able leadership of H.E. President Ernest Bai Koroma, and invited all OIC Member States and their private sector to extend further economic and financial assistance to Sierra Leone.

5. The meeting expressed 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, since its inception.