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The OIC Contact Group on Mali met at the ministerial level on 25th September 2013 on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers during the 68th UNGA Session in New York. The meeting reviewed the latest developments in Mali and received a briefing from the Foreign Minister of Mali and the OIC Secretary General. It also heard interventions from other members of the Contact Group. During deliberations on the peace building and the stabilization of Mali, the meeting agreed on the following:

i The meeting reaffirmed its firm commitment for the sovereignty, unity, stability and territorial integrity of Mali and urged all countries to do the same .

ii The meeting reiterated its strong condemnation of terrorism, transnational organized crimes and drug trafficking groups and voiced its concern on the threat they pose to the security and stability to Mali and Sahel region.

iii The meeting welcomed the remarkable progress made in the political and security fields since the liberation of the North. In this context, it further welcomed the Interim peace agreement reached in Ouagadougou on 18th June 2013 between the Transitional National Unity Government and the rebel Tuareg opposition which paved the way for the implementation of the Roadmap leading to the successful conduct of the general elections and the restoration of constitutional order in Mali.

iv The meeting, while congratulating the new authorities in Mali under the leadership of President Ibrahim Boubakar Keita, urged them to intensify efforts aimed at achieving comprehensive national reconciliation in order to ensure durable peace throughout the country .

v The meeting noted with appreciation the contributions of AFISMA and welcomed its transformation on 1st July 2013 into the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). It invited OIC Member States to effectively join the Mission for the stabilization of Mali.

vi The meeting requested the Member States and OIC financial Institutions to provide the necessary assistance for the long term development of Mali. It also called on them to actively engage in establishing economic development and reconstruction projects. It further urged that the required steps be initiated for the creation of the Trust Fund as decided by the 12th Islamic Summit.

vii The meeting called on Member States and Islamic NGOs to continue to extend generously the necessary humanitarian assistance in order to alleviate the suffering of the hundred thousands of IDPs and refugees, including supporting the efforts of the host countries and the Government of Mali.

viii The meeting reiterated its call on ISESCO and IRCICA to take the necessary measures in collaboration with UNESCO to restore, preserve and protect Islamic cultural heritage in Mali.

ix The meeting commended the activities of the OIC Special Envoy for Mali and the Sahel and requested the Member States to continue to cooperate with him for the effective discharge of his mission.

X The meeting again welcomed the offer made by the Republic of Turkey to host the next meeting of the Contact Group on Mali.

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