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1. The OIC Ministerial Contact Group on Bosnia Herzegovina convened on -- September 2012 in New York.
2. The OIC Secretary General HE. Prof Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu and other members of the OIC Contact Group addressed the meeting.
3. The meeting was briefed by the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the current situation in Bosnia Herzegovina.
4. The meeting discussed in depth the developments in Bosnia Herzegovina and reiterated the OIC support to preserve unity, territorial integrity, sovereignty and international identity of Bosnia and Herzegovina, within internationally recognized borders, as a fully functional and self-sustainable state capable of carrying out its powers and fulfilling its international obligations without absolute blockade mechanisms as well as its multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious structure. The OIC Contact Group, in this respect, emphasized the importance of the decision making powers of the Bosnia and Herzegovina legal structures of the proper functioning of the state and stresses the need to tackle any existing mechanisms that may hamper these powers, as part of the reform process.
5. The meeting welcomed the appointment of Bosnia and Herzegovina Council of Ministers by the Bosnia and Herzegovina House of Representatives on 10 February 2012 as well as the signing of the leaders of the six political parties in the State-level governing coalition of the agreement on principles to be used to resolve the issues of ownership and use of defence and State property.
6. The meeting called upon all the political factions to focus on the country's economic and development priorities and the need for the country's politicians not to engage in divisive or inflammatory rhetoric, which might threaten the viability of the State and compromise its progress towards European integration.
7. The meeting also was encouraged by the Peace Implementation Council Steering Board's discussion on the possibility of terminating the supervision of Brcko District as one of the five objectives and two conditions required for the closure of the Office of the High Representative.

8. The meeting welcomed the steps taken by the parliament to allow members of minority groups to run for the country's presidency and the upper house of parliament by ordering a commission to propose amendments to the country's constitution.
 9. The meeting expressed its deep concern over inadequate implementation of the key elements of the Dayton Peace Agreement, particularly relating to the building of the state institutions, regulatory framework, and return of refugees & displaced persons of their origin. It called upon all the concerned parties to abide by implementing the Dayton Agreement.
 10. The meeting expressed concern on the lack of progress in fully implementing the "5+2 agenda," which sets out five objectives that need to be met and two conditions that need to be fulfilled by Bosnia and Herzegovina authorities before the Office of the High Representative (OHR) is closed.
 11. The OIC Contact Group underlined the importance of the rule of law as part of any settlement impacting on the future of the country and invites all local and international actors to focus on the need to fully implement the existing legal obligations when presenting solutions for the future.
 12. The meeting reaffirmed that the role of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in bringing justice to the region is of significant importance in preventing the reoccurrence of any tragic incidents in the future in this sensitive region.
 13. The meeting called upon the OIC Secretary General to actively follow up the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina within the implementation of the resolution adopted by the 38th meeting of the Council of Foreign Affairs held in Astana. The meeting also called upon OIC Member States and OIC Financial institutions to contribute generously to the OIC Trust Fund for the Return of the Displaced Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina to enable the Fund to continue its reconstruction and development activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
 14. The meeting expressed once again its thanks and appreciation to the OIC Secretary General for reactivating the OIC Contact Group on Bosnia and Herzegovina and called for the regular convening of the Contact Group to continue the OIC support to the Bosnian people.
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