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The OIC Contact Group on Mali met at Ministerial level on Wednesday 30 September 2015 on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting (ACM) of Foreign Ministers during the 70th Session of the UNGA in New York. The meeting reviewed the latest developments in Mali and the peace process. It 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 peace building, the implementation of the Algiers' Peace Agreement and the stabilization efforts in Mali, the meeting agreed on the following:

i The meeting restated its firm and principled commitment for the respect of the sovereignty, unity and the territorial integrity of Mali.

ii The meeting reiterated its strong condemnation of terrorism and all forms of extremism and violence including organized crime, drug and human trafficking which continue to threaten the peace, security and stability of Mali, the Sahel and other countries of the region.

iii. The meeting noted the fragile situation prevailing in north Mali and highlighted the necessity to fully restore State authority in all parts of the country through a comprehensive and inclusive approach including the security, development and spiritual dimensions. The meeting called on the parties to fully respect the May 2014 cease fire and the relevant declarations signed during the Algiers peace process and stressed the importance for the implementation of confidence building measures. It warned spoilers and other enemies of peace to desist from negative activities or face severe sanctions.

iv The meeting restated its deep appreciation to the international mediation led by Algeria and its President for their sustained commitment throughout the eight month long negotiations period in Algiers between the six armed movements in northern Mali and the Government. It welcomed the signing on 15 May 2015 and 20 June 2015 in Bamako of the Algiers peace accord as a good basis for comprehensive and sustainable solutions to the conflict in north Mali. The meeting urged the parties to maintain the inter-Malian dialogue process and to fully commit themselves to the faithful and sincere implementation of the peace deal.

v The meeting, while pledging OIC's full support to the accord as one its guarantors and as a member the international mediation team, reiterated the determination of the Organization to actively support the Malian parties in the critical implementation phase through its full participation in the Monitoring and Implementation Committee. In this context, it commended the efforts being exerted by the Government of Mali in this regard.

vi The meeting requested the Member States and OIC financial institutions particularly the IDB to provide the necessary assistance for the long term development of north Mali. It also called on them to actively contribute to the socio-economic development and reconstruction of the North . In this context, the meeting welcomed the development projects and other forms of assistance provided by the Member States within the framework of their bilateral cooperation and appealed to them to step up their engagement. It tasked the Secretary General to initiate necessary actions that may lead to the creation of the Trust Fund as decided by the 12th Islamic Summit.

vii The meeting took note of the plan of action for Mali and the Sahel proposed by the OIC Special Envoy for Mali and the Sahel and requested the Member States and the relevant OIC institutions to assist in its implementation as a way of contributing to sustainable peace and socio-economic development in Mali and the Sahel region.

viii The meeting also called on the Member States, OIC institutions and Islamic NGOs to continue to extend generously humanitarian assistance in order to alleviate the suffering of the Malian IDPs and refugees including supporting the efforts of the host countries and the Government of Mali.

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

x The Meeting agreed to hold its next session on the sidelines of the 13th Islamic Summit in April 2016 in Turkey.