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1. The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Contact Group on the Situation in Yemen held a meeting on the sideline of the Annual Coordination Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of OIC Member States at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York on Wednesday 30 September 2015, under the chairmanship of H.E. Iyad Ameen Madani, Secretary General of the OIC.
2. The Contact Group in its meeting reiterated its support for resolution no. 14/42 on support for legitimacy in Yemen, which was adopted by the 42nd session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers held in Kuwait on 27 and 28 May 2015.
3. The Meeting renewed the commitment of the OIC to support the unity, sovereignty, political independence and territorial integrity of Yemen, to reject interference in its internal affairs, and to support the Yemeni people and maintain solidarity with them in their aspiration for freedom, democracy social justice and comprehensive development.
4. The Meeting reiterated its continued backing and support for the constitutional legitimacy embodied in H.E. President Abdu Rabuh Mansour Hadi, President of the Republic of Yemen, and for the national efforts he is making to achieve security as well as political and economic stability of Yemen and resumption of the political process.
5. The Meeting welcomed the resumption by the legitimate state institutions of the exercise of their functions from the city of Aden as a first step towards regaining legitimate state control over all parts of the country. It affirmed that peace will never be achieved in Yemen without the full withdrawal of the Houthi and Ali Abdullah Saleh's militias from the capital Sanaa and all Yemeni cities and the cessation of all belligerent activities against the Yemeni people.
6. The Meeting strongly condemned the illegitimate interference of regional forces in the internal affairs of Yemen and the stoking of denominational, sectarian and sectional hatred thereby inflaming conflict among the constituents and sections of the Yemeni people.

7. The Meeting renewed the commitment of the OIC to the resolutions on the situation in Yemen, which were adopted by the Security Council, particularly resolution 2201 (2015) supporting constitutional legitimacy in Yemen and condemning all those impeding and undermining the political process and imposing sanctions on them, resolution 2216 (2015) which, under Chapter VII, called on the Houthis to withdraw their forces from all the regions under their control and banned the supply of weapons to them, and relevant resolutions adopted by the OIC, the League of Arab States and the Cooperation Council of the Arab States of the Gulf.
8. The Meeting welcomed the outcomes of the Riyadh conference on Yemen and the “Riyadh Declaration” which affirmed support for constitutional legitimacy, rejected the coup of the Houthi militias, and called for commencement of the rebuilding of Yemeni state institutions.
9. The Meeting renewed the support of the OIC for the military operation (Decisive Storm) and (Operation Restoration of Hope) to defend Yemen and its people and the legitimate state authorities in Yemen, upon the invitation of H.E. President Abdu Rabuh Mansour Hadi, President of the Republic of Yemen, pursuant to the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, specifically article 51 of the Charter and pursuant to the provisions of the Charters of the OIC, of the League of Arab States and of the Cooperation Council of the Arab States of the Gulf.
10. The Meeting strongly condemned the military operations of the Houthi and Ali Abdullah Saleh’s militias on the Yemeni – Saudi border and the shelling targeting installations and citizens inside the Saudi territory, and regarded such as flagrant aggression against the Saudi territory and a threat to regional security, peace and stability.
11. The Meeting reiterated the need to continue to prevent Yemen from becoming a haven for violent groups and terrorist organizations and a source of threat to the security and stability of neighbouring states, and to take all necessary measures to achieve that.
12. The Meeting underscored its support for the efforts of the UN special envoy for Yemen, Mr Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, and for his endeavour to find a political solution to the crisis in Yemen and saving the country from more war and destruction through activation of comprehensive national reconciliation with the participation of all Yemeni sides, forces and political parties, within the framework of the Gulf initiative and its implementation mechanisms, the outcomes of 2014 comprehensive national dialogue, the 2015 Riyadh Declaration and Security Council resolution 2216 (2015).

13. The Meeting urged OIC Member States to intensify and coordinate their efforts to achieve a political resolution of the Yemeni crisis, to support the legitimate authorities of the state, and to provide more humanitarian and development assistance to the OIC humanitarian action coordination mechanism, and expressed its support for the efforts of the General Secretariat to hold a conference for the provision of humanitarian and development support to Yemen to mobilize the necessary and urgent resources to confront the critical humanitarian situation in Yemen.