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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 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016, under the chairmanship of H.E. the Secretary General.
2. The Contact Group in its meeting reiterated its support for the outcomes of the emergency ministerial meeting held in Jeddah on 16 June 2015 (29 Shaaban 1437H) upon the request of the Republic of Yemen, under the chairmanship of H.E. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the State of Kuwait, chair of the 42<sup>nd</sup> of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers.
3. The Meeting reiterated its support for resolution 14/42 – P on support for legitimacy in Yemen, adopted by the 42<sup>nd</sup> session of OIC Council of Foreign Ministers held in Kuwait on 27 and 28 May 2015.
4. The Meeting welcomed the Final Communiqué issued by the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the OIC Islamic summit conference held in Istanbul on 14 and 15 April 2016, which reiterated its solidarity with Yemen and support for constitutional legitimacy.
5. The Meeting expressed its appreciation and gratitude to the State of Kuwait for hosting the UN-brokered Yemeni peace consultations on 22 April 2016. In this regard it commended the efforts of the UN Envoy Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmad in urging the parties to return to the negotiating table in order to achieve peace and realize the aspirations of the Yemeni people for a return of constitutional legitimacy, reclamation of state institutions, handing over of weapons and ending the outcomes and effects produced by the coup in accordance with the terms of reference of the Gulf Initiative and its Implementation Mechanisms, the outcomes of the national dialogue, and Security Council resolution 2216 (2015) and relevant internationally legitimate resolutions.
6. The Meeting renewed the OIC's commitment to supporting the unity, sovereignty, political independence and territorial integrity of Yemen, and to rejecting interference in its internal affairs and support for and solidarity with the Yemeni people and their aspirations for freedom, democracy, social justice and comprehensive development.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. The Meeting condemned the new political council announced by Saleh and the Houthi militias to run the country's affairs in north Yemen, which will undermine all political solutions, complicate the crisis and worsen the terrible humanitarian situation in the whole of Yemen.
10. The Meeting expressed its support for the statement of the group of 18 ambassadors accredited to Yemen on the latest Yemeni peace talks in Kuwait and the proposal made by the special envoy of the UN Secretary General Mr Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmad aimed at reaching an agreement to end the Yemeni crisis and for his efforts to get all Yemeni parties to the negotiating table very soon.
11. The Meeting emphasized the need for commitment to the relevant resolutions, in particular resolution 2201 (2015) supporting constitutional legitimacy in Yemen and condemning all those impeding or undermining the political process and imposing sanctions on them, and resolution 2216 (2015), Chapter VII of which 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.
12. 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.
13. 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 neighboring states, and to take all necessary measures to achieve that.

14. The Meeting underscored its support for the efforts of the UN Special Envoy for Yemen, Mr. Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, and his endeavors to find a political solution to the crisis in Yemen and sparing the country more war and destruction through his continued efforts and his call on the Yemeni Government, the Houthi putschists and Saleh to the negotiating table, 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).
15. 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.
16. The Meeting expressed its support for the ongoing efforts by the OIC to hold a conference for the provision of humanitarian and development support to Yemen as soon as possible to mobilize the necessary and urgent resources to address the critical situation, and to provide the needs for the next phase in coordination with the Yemeni government as well as regional and international partners, including the King Salman Relief and Humanitarian Action Centre, the United Nations and its humanitarian and developmental agencies through the OIC humanitarian action coordination mechanism. It 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.
17. The Meeting welcomed the offer by the Republic of Turkey to host the next meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Yemen in Turkey.

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