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The Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir met on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at the Ministerial level on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting of the OIC Foreign Ministers in New York. The meeting reviewed the latest developments on the dispute.

The meeting was opened by H.E. Professor Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, the OIC Secretary General, who reaffirmed the principled position of the OIC to sustain its full and unwavering support for the people of Jammu and Kashmir in their struggle to achieve their legitimate rights for self-determination.

The meeting was then briefed by the Foreign Minister of Pakistan. Other distinguished members of the Contact Group also delivered statements. After deliberations the meeting agreed on the following:

i The meeting reaffirmed its continued principled support and solidarity with the people of Jammu and Kashmir in their legitimate struggle to realize their rights for self-determination in accordance with the wishes of the people and international legitimacy.

- ii The meeting reiterated the call for a just settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute through peaceful means.
- **iii** The meeting underscored the need for a meaningful and result-oriented dialogue including confidence building between Pakistan and India aimed at finding durable solutions to the conflict and ending the suffering of the Kashmiri people.
- iv The meeting stressed the importance of respecting the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the Kashmiri people.
- v The meeting made a strong appeal to all Member States of the OIC and the international community to rededicate themselves to finding solutions to this protracted conflict so as to contribute to regional peace and stability.
- vi The meeting finally commended the overall efforts of the OIC Secretary General on the Jammu and Kashmir dispute and welcomed the Republic of Azerbaijan as new member of the Contact Group.

Statements were also made by the True Representative of the Kashmiri people. The True Representatives of the Kashmiri people also presented a Memorandum to the Secretary General containing proposals for peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue.