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1. The Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation held their Annual Coordination Meeting at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on the 22 September 2017, on the sidelines of 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the General Assembly of the United Nations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr Marcel Amon Tanoh, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cote d'Ivoire.
2. The Meeting reaffirmed the commitment of the Member States to the principles and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the OIC, particularly that of strengthening the bond of unity and solidarity among peoples of the Member States; respecting the sovereignty of states as well as the principle of non-interference in domestic affairs, in line with the principles of the United Nations Charter and international law.
3. The Meeting emphasized the commitment of Member States to supporting the cause of Palestine and considered that peace cannot be enthroned in the region unless radical, just and lasting solutions are secured for the Palestinian-Israeli conflict with implications for the neighbouring countries and the countries of the region in general.
4. The Meeting referred to the outcomes of the emergency meeting of the Executive Committee at the level of Foreign Ministers on the Israeli aggression against the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque which took place in Istanbul on 1 August 2017 through a Turkish initiative. During that meeting, a communiqué was issued condemning all the illegal policies and practices and the colonial activities by Israeli. It called on the Security Council to assume its responsibilities in order to stop the hostile policies and grave violations of international law being pursued relentlessly by Israel. The Meeting affirmed the importance of multilateral sponsorship for the political process, setting a timeframe to end Israeli occupation and establish the Palestinian state on 1967 border with East Jerusalem as its capital.
5. The Meeting condemned the terrorist attacks witnessed by several OIC and Non-OIC Member States and considered these types to crimes to be very alien to human and spiritual values. It urged for cooperation to combat this dangerous phenomenon and for action to address it in an early and forward-looking manner. The Meeting also called for the implementation of the 1999 OIC Convention on Combating Terrorism and intensification of security cooperation to counter cross border terrorist organizations and eliminate organized crime, arms trafficking and narcotics networks.

6. The Meeting registered its deep concern about the situation of the Rohingya Muslim community in Myanmar and the violence, marginalization and exclusion they are facing. It emphasized the OIC's position calling for an end to the violence and allowing the delivery of aid to improve the humanitarian condition in the Arakan region. It also urges active international parties and Member States, particularly the neighbouring countries to Myanmar to put pressure on the Government of Myanmar to provide the necessary guarantees to protect the basic rights of the Rohingya Muslims including their basic rights to citizenship in accordance with the resolutions adopted at OIC summits and foreign ministers conferences and in accordance with the summary of the chairman of the Islamic summit President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on the Rohingya question, issued on the sidelines of the OIC Summit on Science and Technology.
7. The ministers expressed their concern of the intention of the Kurdistan regional Government of Iraq to Organize a unilateral referendum on 25 September 2017. Which violates the constitution of Iraq, and further declared that they will not recognize the outcome of the referendum if conducted despite strong opposition of the international community.
8. The Meeting urged the dissemination of the values of tolerance, peaceful coexistence and dialogue to counter the wave of Islamophobia being fed by some mass media and some parties through the social media.
9. The Meeting stressed the need to combat all forms of discrimination, extremism and misunderstanding of the religion and to eliminate the feelings of exclusion and intellectual alienation. It commended the role of the *Sawt al Hikma* Centre (Voice of Wisdom) which was established by the OIC in coordination with the International Islamic Fiqh Academy with the aim of monitoring and following up news in circulation, accentuating the voice of reason, enlightening the youth about the danger of joining criminal and *takfiri* (ex-communicating) groups, and guiding them to paths that serve their countries and the public good.
10. The Meeting registered its satisfaction with the existing cooperation between the OIC and the United Nations' various structures and institutions and urged for intensified efforts, consultation and coordination to resolve the conflicts in Syria, Yemen, Libya and Iraq, to restore stability in Mali, Central African Republic, Somalia and Afghanistan, to find just and lasting solution to the issue of Jammu and Kashmir and Nagorno Karabakh, and to intensify support and humanitarian assistance and provide protection for the civilians in the poorest and most needy regions, in particular the Lake Chad Basin, the refugees and peoples affected by wars.
11. The Meeting urged the OIC Group in New York to further strengthen cooperation with the United Nations regarding the matters and issues included in the United Nations agenda which also fall within the area of interest of the OIC.

12. The Meeting called on OIC Member States to coordinate their positions at international fora and meetings and to abide by the resolutions adopted by the sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers and Islamic Summits.
13. The Meeting commended the excellent organization by Kazakhstan of the 1<sup>ST</sup> OIC Summit on Science and Technology in Astana on 10 – 11 September 2017, and expressed its hope for the continued holding of this summit in view of its importance.
14. The Meeting welcomed the nomination by the Republic of Azerbaijan of its capital Baku for hosting the World EXPO-2025 and expressed support for this nomination.
15. The Meeting adopted the report of the Secretary General on the Contact Groups on Palestine, Somalia, Yemen, Sierra Leone, Muslims in Europe, Bosnia Herzegovina, Mali, Armenian Aggression against Azerbaijan and Jammu and Kashmir.
16. The Meeting appreciated the efforts of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, chair of the 44<sup>th</sup> session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers and expressed its support for the Republic of Bangladesh for the chairmanship of the next session.

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