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1. The OIC Contact Group on Yemen held a meeting on the sidelines of the Emergency Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers at the Headquarters of the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 January 2018, under the chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimen.
2. The Meeting renewed strong commitment to support the unity, sovereignty, political independence and territorial integrity of Yemen, to reject interference in its internal affairs and to support and demonstrate solidarity with the Yemeni people and their aspiration for freedom, democracy, social justice and comprehensive development.
3. The Meeting reiterated its continued support for the constitutional legitimacy in Yemen, represented by H.E. President Abdu Rabuh Mansour Hadi, President of the Republic of Yemen, and for his national efforts to achieve security and political and economic stability of Yemen and resume the political process towards a political settlement based on full implementation of the GCC initiative with its implementation mechanism and the outcomes of the Yemeni national dialogue, governed by international legitimacy resolutions, particularly UN Security Resolution 2216 (2015).
4. The Meeting commended the role of the Arab Coalition countries and that of all other Arab and Muslim countries in extending support for the legitimate leadership in Yemen and the Yemeni people and for backing the peaceful solution and the reconstruction of the country. It urged OIC Member States to intensify and coordinate their efforts with a view to finding a political solution to the Yemeni crisis, supporting the legitimate State authorities and extending more humanitarian and development assistance to the country.
5. The Meeting affirmed commitment to relevant UN Security Council resolutions, particularly resolution 2201 (2015) which supports constitutional legitimacy in Yemen and condemns and sanctions anyone hindering or attempting to foil the political process and imposes sanctions on them. It also reaffirmed commitment to UNSC resolution 2216 (2015) which called on the Houthis, under article 7 of the UN Charter, to withdraw their forces from all the areas they seized, the decision to ban the provision of arms to them, and other relevant resolutions adopted by the OIC, the League of Arab States (LAS) and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).
6. The Meeting condemned all violations committed by the forces of the coup, including campaigns of detention and assassinations, recruiting child soldiers and involving them in armed conflicts, imposing a siege on cities, blocking the affected population's access to humanitarian assistance, extorting money and insisting on continuing military operations in Yemen and across the borders, threatening maritime transport in regional and international corridors and waters, and other war crimes punished by international law, international humanitarian law and international covenants.
7. The Meeting strongly condemned the military actions by the Houthi militias on the Yemeni-Saudi border, the bombing of installations and citizens inside the Saudi

territory, and the launching of ballistic missiles at the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and characterized it as a flagrant aggression against the Saudi territory and a threat to regional security, peace and stability.

8. 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.
9. The Meeting underscored its support for the efforts of the UN special envoy for Yemen to find a political solution to the crisis in Yemen and spare the country more war and destruction, and called on him to continue his contacts with all Yemeni sides, forces and political parties, to sit down and negotiate within the framework of the Gulf Initiative and its Implementation Mechanism, the outcomes of the 2014 Comprehensive National Dialogue, the 2015 Riyadh Declaration and Security Council resolution 2216 (2015).
10. The Meeting called on the OIC to continue its coordination with the King Salman Relief and Humanitarian Action Centre and the United Nations to organize a donors' conference on reconstruction of Yemen in order to mobilize the required urgent resources to address the critical situation and to provide the needs for the next phase in coordination with the Yemeni government and 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.
11. The Meeting welcomed the outcomes of the Geneva Donors' Conference held on 25 May 2017 and expressed its appreciation and gratitude for member states' support for Yemen in various fields, particularly provision of humanitarian assistance and efforts to reconstruct Yemen. It called on all member states to continue to extend political, security, economic and financial support for the Government of Yemen to enable it to address humanitarian challenges and reconstruction efforts in the country.
12. The Meeting commended the initiative of the Custodian of The Two Holy Mosques to support the Yemeni Central Bank with \$US 2 billion with a view to strengthening the Yemeni economy and removing the plight of the Yemeni people.
13. The Meeting hailed the State of Kuwait's role in hosting UN-backed peace talks on Yemen for more than three months, and for donating \$100 million at the donors conference of April 2016, placing on record the Kuwaiti charity associations' vital contribution to the unity and stability of Yemen.
14. The Meeting called on Member States to provide financial and humanitarian support to the OIC office in Yemen so that it can resume its humanitarian efforts.
15. The Meeting welcomed again the offer by the Republic of Turkey to play host to the Contact Group's next meeting.

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