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In the Name of Allah, Most Merciful, Most Compassionate

We, the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), gathered in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, on 6 - 7 February 2013, (25-26 [HYPERLINK "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rabi'_al-awwal"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rabi_al-awwal)"Rabi' Al-Awwal 1434H) for the Twelfth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference upon the kind invitation of H.E Dr. Mohamed Morsy, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt,

Having reviewed the recent developments in the Republic of Mali on the basis of the Muslim Ummah's responsibility to demonstrate full solidarity with Mali;

Reiterating our strong commitment to safe-guarding the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Mali;

Committed to the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, particularly with regard to the preservation of the Member States' national unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity;

Reaffirming our previous resolutions on the situation in Mali, notably

those adopted by the 4th Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held on 26th-27th Ramadan 1433 H (14-15 August 2012) in Makkah Al Moukaramah and of 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held 1st-3rd Muharram 1434 H (15-17 November 2012) in Djibouti (Republic of Djibouti);

Deeply concerned by the security situation prevailing in the Republic of Mali as well as by the continuing deterioration in the humanitarian situation in the north, which constitute a serious threat to the peace, security and stability of Mali, the region and beyond;

We firmly condemn the acts of diverse terrorist groups and movements as well as the transnational organized crime and drug trafficking networks which constitute a real threat to the security and stability of Mali and the entire region, aimed at disrupting the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Mali.

We reiterate our firm condemnation of all the attacks perpetrated by the coalition of armed terrorist and criminal groups against the city of Konna, in Mopti region, on the 10th January 2013. In this regard, we commend the prompt assistance provided by brotherly and friendly governments at the request of the Malian authorities.

We reaffirm our full solidarity with the people of Mali and its National Unity Government and *reiterate* our firm support for the current efforts aimed at recovering the territorial integrity and restoring state authority by the Republic of Mali on its entire national territory. In this regard, *we take note* of the adoption of resolution 2085 (2012) by the UN Security Council which sets out a global approach for resolving the ongoing multidimensional crisis in Mali and the current initiatives by the African Union (AU) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

We call for the accelerated deployment of the International Support Mission in Mali (AFISMA) and invite Member States to provide logistical and financial support to this mission. We call upon member states and credible humanitarian organizations to supply the necessary humanitarian aid in order to relieve the suffering endured by millions of refugees and displaced persons in Mali and the sub-Saharan region. We also extend our gratitude to the countries which have already offered contributions in the wake of the Donors' Conference held in Addis Ababa on 29 January 2013.

We commend the Transitional National Unity Government for preparing the road map and the National Assembly for adopting it and *urge* for its implementation by organizing free, transparent and credible Presidential and Parliamentary elections and the adoption of a comprehensive approach taking into consideration all the dimensions of this crisis. We insist once again on the importance of supporting the development efforts in the Sahel region in general and Mali in particular and invite member states to extend the needed support and assistance to help it achieve its objective.

We strongly condemn the heinous acts perpetrated by terrorist groups and organizations against the civilian population and *denounce strongly* all terrorist acts which contravene the values of peace, tolerance and moderation advocated by the noble Islamic religion.

We condemn the destruction of cultural sites in Timbuktu especially those classified by UNESCO as world cultural heritage and *call upon* ISESCO to participate in the protection and preservation of this heritage.

We request all Member states to immediately provide financial support and assistance for the development of Mali, in a spirit of Islamic solidarity and shared responsibility, including, *inter alia*, through the possibility of establishing a Special Fund on a voluntary basis for that purpose to support

economic development in Mali.

We request the OIC Secretary General to elaborate, in consultation with the Government of Mali, the AU, ECOWAS, and with bilateral and multilateral partners, a strategy for post-conflict reconstruction and assistance to achieve sustainable development in Mali.

We decide to establish an OIC Contact Group on Mali at the Ministerial level to closely monitor the development of the situation in Mali,

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