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The OIC Contact Group on Sierra Leone met at the Ministerial level on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting of the OIC Foreign Ministers in New York, on 24 September 2018, and reviewed the latest situation in the country.

1. The meeting recalled the outcome of the recent presidential election and applauded the polling officials and the people of Sierra Leone for the sense of responsibility that they have demonstrated in successfully completing the election in a peaceful manner.
2. Accordingly, the meeting paid tribute to President Julius Maada Bio and his political rival Dr Samura Kamara and all the candidates for their contributions to the successful outcome of the electoral process. Thus, contributing to the consolidation of democracy in Sierra Leone.
3. The meeting commended the efforts of the national, regional and international electoral observation teams including the OIC Observer Mission for their valuable recommendations to the Government of Sierra Leone.
4. The meeting noted with satisfaction the first 100 days' achievements of the new Government, notably the prioritization of the education sector as a conduit to transform Sierra Leone's abundant natural and mineral resources towards economic sustainability and development.
5. In this regard, the meeting invited all OIC Member States to extend their contributions to the multi Donor Trust Fund that the government of Sierra Leone will soon put in place to serve as a basket Fund to support the free education Programme of the government.

6. Furthermore, the meeting invited all OIC Member States and Institutions, regional and international bodies as well as humanitarian organizations to demonstrate solidarity by bringing their full support to Sierra Leone in its efforts to overcome the impacts of last year's tragedy of the deadly mudslides and the Ebola crisis.
7. In the area of productive undertakings, the meeting equally invited All OIC Member States to provide direct investment either bilaterally or through their business community given the abundant natural and mineral resources available in Sierra Leone.
8. The meeting reiterated the support of the OIC to the new Government in consolidating peace and pursuing sustainable development.
9. Towards this end, the meeting invited both the Sierra Leonean Government and the OIC General Secretariat, its Member States and institutions to bring together all stakeholders to establish a platform, under the OIC General Secretariat, in order to exchange, further develop and boost economic and developmental activities in Sierra Leone.