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**REPORT OF THE**  
**MEETING OF THE CONTACT GROUP ON THE AGGRESSION OF THE**  
**REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

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## **Report of the Meeting of the Contact Group on the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan**

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1. The OIC Contact Group on the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan met on 24 September 2018 at the Ministerial level on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting in New York. The meeting was attended by the delegations of the Republic of Djibouti, the Islamic Republic of Gambia, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Malaysia, *State of Qatar* and the Republic of Azerbaijan.
2. The meeting was opened by Ambassador Abdullah Alim, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs, who reconfirmed the principled position of the OIC since 1992 based on its condemnation of the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan and its demand for immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia from the Nagorno-Karabakh region and other occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan. He reiterated that all OIC Member States considered the continued occupation by Armenia of a significant part of the territories of Azerbaijan illegal and unacceptable. He expressed the hope that solidarity of the OIC Member States with the just position of Azerbaijan and their support for its sovereignty and territorial integrity would be translated into practical and effective measures in order to bring the aggressor in compliance with the norms and principles of international law, relevant Resolutions of the UN Security Council and the OIC decisions. The Secretary General further reiterated that the OIC has consistently called for the resolution of the conflict on the basis of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of the international borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan and also expressed his hope that the meeting will contribute to the earliest settlement of the Armenia –Azerbaijan conflict on the basis of sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of the internationally recognized borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in accordance with the generally accepted norms and principles of international law, the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and the OSCE and the OIC documents and decisions.
3. Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov of Azerbaijan cordially thanked the Members of the Group for their continued support for the just position of Azerbaijan and briefed them on the latest developments with regard to the peaceful settlement of the conflict. Recalling the four resolutions of the UN Security Council, namely 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993), 884 (1993), which reaffirmed respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and the inviolability of its international borders and demanded the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of the occupying forces from all occupied territories, Minister Mammadyarov stressed that these resolutions are yet to be implemented, and they still remain valid and binding.

He emphasized that the mediation efforts carried out within the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, unfortunately have still not yielded results. Minister Mammadyarov emphasized that despite the establishment of a ceasefire, attacks on the towns and villages in Azerbaijan situated along the front line of the armed forces of Armenia and Azerbaijan and the border between the two States have become more frequent and violent in recent times, resulting in the killing and wounding of Azerbaijani servicemen and civilians.

The Minister also expressed his hope that the adoption of the resolution "On Solidarity with the Victims of the Khojaly Massacre of 1992" at the 45th session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers in Dhaka will contribute to the efforts of the OIC Member States for recognition of the crimes perpetrated in the town of Khojaly and other occupied territories of Azerbaijan as war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide at the national and international levels.

4. The other members of the Contact Group also took the floor and reiterated the importance of the Contact Group in implementation of the OIC resolutions on the conflict. They also reiterated their unwavering support for the resolution of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan within the sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of the internationally recognized borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan and called for immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia from the Nagorno-Karabakh region and other occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan in accordance with the aforementioned resolutions of the UN Security Council. The meeting condemned in the strongest terms continued violation of ceasefire by the Republic of Armenia and the attacks carried out by its armed forces against the civilian population of Azerbaijan causing human losses and injuries. The meeting supported Azerbaijan's efforts aimed at defeating those attacks and defending its population. The meeting further reaffirmed its total solidarity with and support for the efforts undertaken by the Government and people of Azerbaijan to restore the territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
5. Having considered the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the ordinary and extraordinary Islamic Summits and the meetings of the OIC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs with regard to the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, the Contact Group concluded that there is an urgent need for more concerted efforts of the Islamic Ummah to force Armenia to comply with its international obligations. The Contact Group also reiterated the persistent calls of the OIC to its Member States and the international community to use effective political and economic measures in order to put an end to the Armenian aggression and occupation of the territories of Azerbaijan. In this regard, the Contact Group requested the OIC Secretary General:
  - To raise the issue of the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict at meetings with his counterparts from international organizations, including the UN Secretary General and brief them on the OIC stance on the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and convey concern of the Member States on Armenia's continued

disregard to the UN Security Council Resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993), 884 (1993) and violation of rights of more than one million Azerbaijanis refugees and IDPs.

- To distribute in line with the relevant OIC resolutions a Note Verbale containing a reminder for the OIC Member States to instruct their Permanent Representations to international and regional organizations to support efforts of the Government of Azerbaijan toward ending aggression by Armenia.
  - To elaborate proposals on possible contribution by the OIC, its Member States and the OIC Secretariat in informing international community about the mass killings of Azerbaijanis by the Armenian armed forces in the town of Khojaly of the Republic of Azerbaijan in February 1992;
  - To appeal to the OIC Member States for adoption and enactment of necessary legislative and executive acts and instruments with a view of preventing any supplies of arms and military equipment to Armenia, prohibiting any visits to and activities by natural and legal persons of the Member States in the Nagorno-Karabakh region and the other occupied territories of Azerbaijan and preventing any assistance to Armenia, which may facilitate the maintenance of occupation of Azerbaijani territories;
  - To appeal to Member States to notify as widely as possible the tourism companies, travel agencies, tour operators and their umbrella organizations, operating in their territories, about illegality of organizing tourist visits to and the promotion of tourism in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan and inadmissibility of propagating illegal separatist regime at international tourism fairs and other tourism events;
  - To launch on behalf of the OIC Member States an international campaign of raising awareness on and protest against barbarian acts of destruction by Armenia of the Azerbaijani historical monuments, including mosques and other sacred shrines, illegal archaeological excavations at historical places in the occupied territories, changing toponyms and constructing other fake narratives.
  - To submit for the next meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs a report on implementation by Member States of the documents and decisions adopted within the OIC on the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.
6. The Meeting further called on the Member States to collectively act to put the conflict at the top of the international agenda in order to push for a settlement of the conflict in accordance with the UN Security Council Resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993), 884 (1993) and the relevant OIC resolutions and decisions to harmonize the individual and joint efforts of the OIC Member States towards this end.
7. This report is submitted to the Annual Coordination Meeting for its consideration and adoption of necessary appropriate actions.