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- 1 The OIC Contact Group Meeting on Iraq was held on the sidelines of the Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers of OIC member states in New York on 23/9/2010, and reviewed the latest developments in Iraq.
- 2 The meeting was chaired by Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Conference, and attended by delegations from Azerbaijan, Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and Senegal.
- 3 The Meeting recalled all the resolutions of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) on Iraq, which underlined the need to safeguard Iraq's sovereignty, political independence and national unity, territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs and condemning violence and terrorism in all its forms.
- 4 The meeting commended the efforts of the Iraqi government to put an end to violence and terrorism through the reconciliation plan aimed at giving the opportunity for different components of the political, religious and ethnic groups of the Iraqi people to participate peacefully in the political process and related efforts related to the reconstruction of Iraq. The meeting stressed the need to promote national dialogue, reconciliation and broadbased political participation to ensure the country's unity, security and stability and peace.
- 5 The Meeting commended the elections that took place on 7 March 2010 and on which the Iraqi people expressed determination to opt for democracy in running the country and stressed the importance of forming a strong Iraqi government, involving all sections of the Iraqi people specially that Iraq is facing major challenges to ensure security and reconstruction.
- 6 The Meeting requested the General Secretariat to endeavour to support Iraq in the phase of reconstruction and development and in line with the common areas of cooperation agreed in the joint statement issued following the official visit of His Excellency the Secretary General who led a senior officials delegation from the General Secretariat, subsidiary organs, specialized agencies and affiliated institutions, to Iraq in the period from 23 to 25 February 2009. The Meeting stressed the need to continue to

hold regular meetings between the Iraqi State and the General Secretariat of the OIC and its various organs, in order to implement the joint communiqué.

- 7 The Meeting recalled the adoption by the Organization of Islamic Conference in a successful precedent of the Makkah Al-Mukaramah Document on the situation in Iraq on October 20, 2006.It underlined the need for the General Secretariat to follow up the implementation of this important document within the framework of the Organization's contribution to national reconciliation through the promotion of unity and coherence between Sunnis and Shiites to work to build a stable Iraq, secure, democratic, prosperous and unified Iraq.
- 8 The meeting condemned acts of violence that took place recently in Iraq. It also expressed support for the efforts made by the Iraqi government to put an end to the wave of violence and defeat terrorism through a reconciliation plan aimed at giving the opportunity for different components of the political, religious and ethnic groups of the Iraqi people to participate peacefully in the political process and embark on the reconstruction of Iraq.
- 9 The Meeting welcomed the outcome of all expanded conferences of the neighbouring countries of Iraq and urged neighbouring countries of Iraq to continue their cooperation with the Iraqi government.
- 10 The Meeting expressed its appreciation to OIC Member States, which maintained its diplomatic presence in Iraq, hailed the declaration of many Muslim countries to appoint ambassadors to Iraq, and called on all other members of the organization to open or reopen their embassies in Iraq. The Meeting also called upon all Member States to write off their debts to Iraq, as part of their contribution to the reconstruction of Iraq. In this respect, the Meeting commended the member States which have written off their debts to Iraq.
- 11 The Meeting commended the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference for all endeavours and initiatives which he undertakes in order to ensure peace and stability in Iraq.

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