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The OIC Contact Group on Somalia met at Ministerial level on the 22nd of September 2010 on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers in New York. The meeting reviewed the latest developments in Somalia and received a briefing from the Somali Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Prof. Abdurrahman Adan Ibrahim, and the Secretary General of the OIC. It also heard interventions from other members of the Contact Group. During deliberations on the ways and means that could contribute to the restoration of durable peace to the country, the meeting agreed on the following:

- i. The meeting reaffirmed its respect for the unity, stability and territorial integrity of Somalia and urged all countries to do the same .
- ii. The meeting condemned all acts of insurgency and violence targeted against the TFG, its functionaries and innocent persons stressing that such criminal acts were contrary to the noble values of Islam and called on the militants to drop their weapons and join the peace process .
- iii. The meeting reaffirmed its full support for the TFG under President Sheikh Sharif Ahmed and encouraged it to continue its efforts to achieve national reconciliation under the Djibouti Peace Agreement which remains the only basis recognized internationally for a comprehensive peaceful settlement of the conflict in Somalia.
- iv. The meeting commended the initiative of the OIC to open a Humanitarian Coordination Office in Mogadishu and urged other Somali partners to enhance their presence in the country and to intensify their engagement with the TFG.
- v. The meeting requested the Member States to increase their assistance to the TFG in its peace building efforts during the remaining period of the transition and reminded the international community to live up to its obligations by intensifying its assistance to the TFG, especially in the security sector and by redeeming all its pledges as contained in the Istanbul Declaration of 23 May 2010. In this regard, it commended Turkey and the UN for jointly organizing the Istanbul Conference on Somalia. It also expressed its deep appreciation to the AU, IGAD and AMISOM for their sacrifices and concrete support to the TFG.
