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CHAIR’S SUMMARY

ANNUAL COORDINATION MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF

OF THE ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION

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1. The Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation held their Annual Coordination Meeting (ACM) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on the 28 September 2018, on the sidelines of 73rd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations under the chairmanship of the State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh H. E. Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP.
2. The Meeting reaffirmed the commitment of the Member States to the principles and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the OIC, particularly that of strengthening the bond of unity and solidarity among peoples of the Member States; respecting the sovereignty of states as well as the principle of non-interference in domestic affairs, in line with the principles of the United Nations Charter and international laws.
3. The meeting reaffirmed the centrality of the Cause of Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif to the Muslim Ummah, and emphasized its unwavering support for the Palestine people in their pursuit to attain their inalienable national rights, including their rights to self-determination, to return, and to the independence and sovereignty of their State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital.
4. The meeting reaffirmed the OIC firm commitment and readiness to exert the necessary efforts to achieve a just, lasting and comprehensive peace based on the two-state solution on the pre-1967 borders and consistent with the internationally-recognized parameters enshrined in the relevant United Nations resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative. The OIC called once again on the international community, in particular the UN Security Council, to uphold its legal obligations to secure a just and peaceful solution and called for immediate efforts in this regard, including setting a time limit for bringing an end to the Israeli occupation and providing international mechanisms for the implementation of relevant United Nations resolutions. The Meeting strongly supported the efforts of the State of Palestine to conclude its accession to more international organizations, covenants and treaties. It also called for urgent efforts to provide the needed humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people to alleviate their plight, including enhanced support to UNRWA at this critical time.
5. The Meeting condemned the terrorist attacks witnessed by several OIC and Non-OIC Member States and considered these types to crimes to be very alien to human and

spiritual values. It urged for cooperation to combat this dangerous phenomenon and for action to address it in an early and forward-looking manner.

6. The Meeting condemned the systematic brutal acts and horrendous atrocities perpetrated against the Rohingya Muslim Community in Myanmar, especially post 25 August 2017, which constitute a serious and blatant violation of international law, international human rights conventions as well as violations of international humanitarian law and in total disregard of Myanmar's state responsibility to protect its unarmed civilian Muslim minority; Particularly denouncing the involvement of security forces and militias in continued acts of violence towards Rohingya Muslims including mass gang-rape, killings in thousands including of babies and children, burning people alive, brutal beatings, disappearances, eviction and forced expulsion of inhabitants, arbitrary arrests, detentions, torture, in addition to burning of Rohingya homes, places of worship, villages and fields of standing crops;
7. The Meeting called upon the Government of Myanmar to take urgent measures for a sustainable return of Rohingya refugees, internally and externally displaced Rohingya Muslims to their homeland, Rakhine State in safety, security, dignity and with ensured livelihood and implement recommendations of the Kofi Annan Advisory Commission Report in its entirety. The Meeting called upon the Government of Myanmar to honor its obligations under International Law and Human Rights covenants, and to take all measures to immediately halt all vestiges and manifestations of the practice of ethnic cleansing, genocide, violence of all types, vigilantism, acts of dispersion and discriminatory practices against Rohingya Muslims, as well as the continuous attempts to obliterate their Islamic culture and identity immediately; including delisting them from household lists and demolition of places of worship, institutions and houses of Muslim minorities. The Meeting called upon the Government of Myanmar to eliminate the root causes, including the denial of citizenship based on the 1982 Citizenship Act which has led to statelessness and deprivation of their rights, and the continued dispossession and discrimination affecting the Rohingya Muslim Minorities, and work towards a just and sustainable solution to this issue. The meeting welcomed the Report of the Independent International Fact Finding Mission on Myanmar (IIFFM) established by the UN Human Rights Council and called for early implementation of all recommendations of the Report. The Meeting also stressed on OIC efforts to address the issue of accountability of those responsible for gross human rights violations and atrocities perpetrated against the Rohingya Muslim community of Myanmar.
8. The Meeting urged the dissemination of the values of tolerance, peaceful coexistence and dialogue to counter the wave of Islamophobia being fed by some mass media and some parties through the social media.
9. The Meeting, at the proposal of Turkey and Pakistan, adopted a joint statement expressing anguish over denigrating Islam, its revered symbols and defamation of its

personalities and called for responsible use of freedom of expression so that sentiments of communities of any particular religions are not hurt.

10. The Meeting stressed the need to combat all forms of discrimination, extremism and misunderstanding of the religion and to eliminate the feelings of exclusion and intellectual alienation. It commended the role of the Sawt al Hikma Centre (Voice of Wisdom) which was established by the OIC in coordination with the International Islamic Fiqh Academy with the aim of monitoring and following up news in circulation, accentuating the voice of reason, enlightening the youth about the danger of joining criminal and takfiri (ex-communicating) groups, and guiding them to paths that serve their countries and the public good. The Meeting in this connection, stressed the importance of creating narratives to debunk extremist interpretations of Islam.
11. The Meeting expressed deep concern over the enduring, ongoing and emerging conflicts in many of the Member States. In this regard, the Meeting reiterated the need for these conflicts to be resolved in accordance with international law and legitimacy, and relevant Security Council resolutions. The meeting discussed the humanitarian challenges facing the Islamic world, particularly that of displaced people and refugees because of these conflicts. It expressed concern at the dire humanitarian situation and the unbearable sufferings of millions of Muslim refugees and stressed the necessity of alleviating their humanitarian situation. In this context, the Meeting urged Member States to continue coordination for humanitarian relief efforts in the affected areas and explore standing ways and means and OIC collective preparedness for addressing humanitarian exigencies.
12. The Meeting commended the efforts of the Secretary General aimed at bolstering cooperation with the United Nations. It urged the OIC Group in New York to continue its efforts to strengthen their coordination, cooperation, and consultations towards the issues on the agenda of the United Nations that are of relevance to the OIC Member States for the promotion of Joint Islamic Action and Islamic solidarity. The meeting called on the Member States to coordinate their positions in international fora, especially the United Nations. The Meeting also called on Member States to be committed to the resolutions issued by the Organization and to vote in favor of resolutions that are put forth in the name OIC.
13. The Meeting welcomed the hosting by the United Arab Emirates of Expo 2020 in Dubai and called for active participation in this important event.
14. The Meeting adopted reports of the Secretary General on the Contact Groups on Palestine, Rohingya, Somalia, Yemen, Sierra Leone, Muslims in Europe, Bosnia Herzegovina, Mali, Armenian Aggression against Azerbaijan and Jammu and Kashmir.
15. The Meeting appreciated the efforts of the Republic of Bangladesh, Chair of the 45th Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers and stressed the importance of implementation and follow up of the resolutions adopted at the 45th CFM held in Dhaka.

The Meeting expressed its support for the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for the Chairmanship of the next session.

16. The Meeting called on Member States to participate at the highest level at the 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.