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ON MALI**

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**REPORT OF THE CONTACT GROUP MEETING ON MALI HELD ON THE  
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The OIC Contact Group on Mali met at Ministerial level on 25 September 2019, on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers in New York. The OIC's Secretary General made a statement highlighting the engagement of the Organization in Mali. The Meeting reviewed the latest developments in Mali and the implementation of the peace process. It received a briefing from the Foreign Minister of Mali and It also heard from other members of the Contact group.

During deliberations, which focused on the implementation of the Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in Mali, resulting from the Algiers process, as well as the security situation in the central regions of the country and peace building process in Mali, the Meeting agreed on the following:

1. The Meeting reaffirmed its strong commitment to the principles of sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Mali.
2. It reiterated its strong condemnation of violent extremism and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, organized crime, drug and human trafficking which continue to undermine peace, security and stability in Mali and the Sahel region and expressed its deep concern regarding the heavy losses of lives in the region.
3. The Meeting re-affirmed the full support of the OIC as one of the guarantors of the Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in Mali, resulting from the Algiers process, and reiterated the determination of the Organization to continue, through its effective participation in the work of the Monitoring and Implementation Committee, to actively work with the Government of Mali in the critical implementation phase and urged the Malian parties signatories of the accord to speed up its implementation.
4. The meeting recognized the progress made during the past nine months due to a combination of political will and international commitment. Consequently, the meeting urged the Malian parties to continue to be committed and to accelerate the implementation of the Agreement, through significant, meaningful and irreversible measures to be taken on an urgent basis, in accordance with the revised road map of priority actions adopted on 12 July 2019, which are to be implemented before the end of the year 2019.
5. However, the Meeting noted the deteriorating security situation in the country's central region and underscored the necessity to protect civilians, reduce inter-communal violence, and re-establish State authority, State presence and basic social services in

central and northern Mali. In this regard, the meeting welcomed efforts by the Government to make the process as broad as possible, including political leaders across the spectrum, armed groups and movements involved in the peace process-both pro-government and opposition- as well as experts and members of civil society.

6. The meeting encouraged the OIC Member States and its financial institutions to join the international initiatives underway, such as the Sahel Alliance, launched by France, Germany and the European Union (EU), which aims to invest nine billion euros by 2022 across the vast region, badly affected by rising extremism, transnational crime and economic instability.
7. In the same vein, the meeting called on all the international partners to strengthen efforts to address the root causes of instability and insecurity in Mali through humanitarian aid and support for sustainable development, including programmes on climate change mitigation and adaptation.
8. The meeting emphasized that security and stability in Mali are inextricably linked to that of the Sahel and West Africa, as well as that of Libya and North Africa. In this regard, it underlined that lasting peace and security in the Sahel region will not be achieved without a combination of political, security and development efforts benefitting all regions of Mali, as well as the full, effective and inclusive implementation of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali, which involves all Malian actors supportive of the peace process.
9. The Meeting commended the efforts of the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund in supporting socio-economic projects in Mali and called upon them to intensify their activities in accordance with the Final Communiqué of the 14<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference, which was held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 in Makkah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
10. The Meeting requested the Member States and OIC financial institutions, to provide all the necessary assistance for the long-term development of Mali within the framework of the OIC and overall UN Strategy for the Sahel.
11. The Meeting welcomed the development projects and other forms of assistance provided by the Member States within the framework of their bilateral cooperation with Mali and strongly invited them to step up their engagement at this crucial stage of the implementation of the Peace Agreement. In this regard, the 14<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference mandated the Secretary General to initiate necessary actions consistent with OIC relevant resolutions, notably the establishment of the Trust Fund as decided by the 12<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit.
12. The Meeting also called on the Member States, OIC institutions and Islamic NGOs to continue to generously extend humanitarian assistance in order to alleviate the suffering

of the Malian IDPs and refugees including supporting the efforts of the host countries and the Government of Mali.

- 13.** The Meeting expressed support for the unanimous adoption of the Security Council Resolution 2480 (2019) dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 extending for another year the mandate of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), which is tasked to support not only the implementation of the 2015 Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali, but to equally support the stabilization and restoration of State Authority in the Centre, protect civilians, use good offices and reconciliation, promote and protect human rights and humanitarian assistance.
  
- 14.** In this regard, the Meeting encouraged all relevant United Nations agencies, as well as bilateral, regional and multilateral partners to provide necessary support to contribute to the implementation of the Agreement by the Malian parties, in particular its provisions pertaining to sustainable development.

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