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- 1. A meeting of OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir was held on 25 September 2019 at the Ministerial level, in New York, on the sidelines of the 74th Session of the UN General Assembly. The meeting was attended by the Foreign Ministers of Azerbaijan, Niger, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.
- 2. The meeting was opened by the OIC's Secretary General, His Excellency Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen, who expressed concern over the developments in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir as a result of the unilateral decision taken by India on 5 August 2019, revoking Constitutional Article 370, thereby removing the special status of the Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir.
- **3.** The Secretary General reaffirmed the principled position of the OIC in fully supporting the people of Jammu and Kashmir, recalling the OIC Summit decisions and Council of Foreign Ministers resolutions.
- 4. During the meeting, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan apprised the participants about the developments in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the violations of the human rights of Kashmiris during the lockdown and curfew, which was imposed in the aftermath of India's unilateral move of 5 August 2019.
- **5.** Other members of the Contact Group also made statements, expressing deep concern over India's decision of 5 August 2019 to unilaterally remove the special status of Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir. They reiterated their continued support for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and called for the respect of their fundamental rights. They called for a peaceful settlement of Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions, reaffirming the internationally recognized status of Jammu and Kashmir dispute and its final disposition through a UN supervised plebiscite.
- 6. The Contact Group decided to send a high-level delegation to visit the region. The delegation may consist of representatives of the Member States of the Contact Group, the OIC General Secretariat and the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC).
- 7. The Contact Group expressed appreciation to the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) for its continued efforts to monitor the human rights violations in IoK and report to the international human rights bodies.
- 8. The Contact Group issued a Communiqué on the latest developments in IoK (copy attached).
