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1. The OIC Ministerial Contact Group on Bosnia Herzegovina convened on Wednesday 30 September 2015 in New York and was attended by the OIC Secretary General and other members of the Group.
2. Statements were heard from the OIC Secretary General HE. Iyad Ameen Madani and other members of the OIC Contact Group addressed the meeting.
3. The meeting was briefed by the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the current situation in Bosnia Herzegovina.
4. The meeting reviewed the general situation in Bosnia Herzegovina since the last reporting period and reiterated the OIC support to preserve unity, territorial integrity, sovereignty and international personality of Bosnia and Herzegovina, within internationally recognized borders, as a fully functional and self-sustainable state capable of carrying out its powers and fulfilling its international obligations without absolute blockade mechanisms as well as its multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious structure.
5. While welcoming the general elections that took place in October 2014 where the National Presidency and House of Representatives are elected, the meeting expresses concern over the slow progress in political and economic reforms that are necessary tools in getting the country out of the present institutional stalemate and moving the country to develop a positive atmosphere that would foster a constructive political dialogue and lead to the resolution of all outstanding issues between all parties.
6. The meeting called on the elected political leaders to consider their responsibilities as trust placed on them to promote the general interests of the entire Bosnia and Herzegovina, and thus urged them to intensify all efforts in undertaking the necessary reforms that are necessary to fully ensure democratic elections and stability in the country.

7. The meeting emphasized the importance of the decision making powers of the Bosnia and Herzegovina legal structures of the proper functioning of the state and stresses the need to tackle any existing mechanisms that may hamper these powers, as part of the reform process.
8. The meeting called upon all the political factions to focus on the country's economic and development priorities and the need for the country's politicians not to engage in divisive or inflammatory rhetoric, which might threaten the territorial integrity of the state and compromise its progress towards European integration.
9. The meeting acknowledged the significance of the continued contributions of the OIC countries of the Peace Implementation Council to the budget of the Office of the High Council.
10. The meeting encourages the regional efforts towards confidence building among stakeholders in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the neighboring countries.
11. The meeting called upon the all the political leaders of Bosnia and Herzegovina to join their forces for the common future of the country and thus focus on the reform process.
12. The meeting expressed its deep concern over inadequate implementation of the key elements of the Dayton Peace Agreement, particularly relating to the building of the state institutions, regulatory framework, and return of refugees & displaced persons of their origin.
13. The OIC Contact Group underlined the importance of the rule of law as part of any settlement impacting on the future of the country and invites all local and international actors to focus on the need to fully implement the existing legal obligations when presenting solutions for the future.
14. The meeting welcomes the improvement in the level of independent, impartial, efficient and accountable judiciary of Bosnia and Herzegovina and calls for more capacity and support to its law enforcement agencies to fight corruption and organised crime.

15. The meeting noted that the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia would soon wind up with its mandates and the remainder cases be transferred to International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.
16. The meeting commended the role of the tribunal in bringing justice to region.
17. The meeting called upon the OIC Secretary General to actively follow up the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina within the implementation of the resolution adopted by the 42nd meeting of the Council of Foreign Affairs held in Kuwait.
18. The meeting also called upon OIC Member States and OIC Financial institutions to contribute generously to the OIC Trust Fund for the Return of the Displaced Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina to enable the Fund to continue its reconstruction and development activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
19. The meeting emphasized the importance of the economic development in consolidating peace and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina and invites the Islamic Development Bank to develop result-oriented projects in cooperation with relevant development agencies of the Member States for ameliorating the economic and social conditions of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
20. The meeting called for the continued interest and support of the OIC and its Member States in the stability and prosperity of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the face of the critical period it is passing through. It called for regular convening of the Contact Group to continue the OIC support to the Bosnian people.
21. The meeting called upon the Muslim World to continue to commemorate the tragic events that occurred in Srebrenica 17 years ago on 11 July as the day of mourning in line with the resolution adopted by the 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Astana , Republic of Kazakhstan, on June 2011