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The OIC Contact Group on Somalia met at the Ministerial level on the 20th of September 2011 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 Foreign Minister and the OIC Secretary General. It also heard interventions from other members of the Contact Group. During deliberations on the latest humanitarian situation, the peace building process and the restoration of durable peace in the country, the meeting agreed on the following:

1. The meeting reaffirmed its respect for the unity, stability and territorial integrity of Somalia and urged all countries to do the same .
2. 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.
3. The meeting commended the Transitional Institutions for ending their dispute by signing and implementing the Kampala Accord and the Road Map on ending the transition in Somalia. IN this context, it welcomed the one year extension to the TFG and urged the parties to maintain their cohesion and fully commit themselves to the implementation of the priority transitional tasks and to be guided by the agreed benchmarks.
4. The meeting further commended the TFG and AMISOM for the progress made in the security sector and urged them to sustain the momentum. It also welcomed the decision by Djibouti to contribute troops to AMISOM.
5. The meeting condemned all acts of insurgency and violence targeted against public officials 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 TFG in the peace process. It further condemned the continuing acts of piracy off the Somali coast, the illegal fishing and criminal dumping of toxic materials in Somali waters.

6. The meeting expressed its strong support to Somalia in the face of the severe drought and famine afflicting the country and commended the activities of the OIC Humanitarian Coordination Office in Mogadishu. It further commended those Member States who have extended assistance to Somalia or pledged to make contributions in this regard during the recent Ministerial Executive Committee pledging conference in Istanbul. It urged the Member States to consider channeling their humanitarian assistance through the OIC Office on the ground

7. The meeting finally further 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 also live up to its obligations.
