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The OIC Contact Group on Sierra Leone met at the Ministerial level on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting of the OIC Foreign Ministers in New York on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 and reviewed the latest situation in the country.

1. The meeting expressed its satisfaction on the successful visit made by the OIC Secretary General to the Republic of Sierra Leone, on 1-2 June 2011 to show solidarity and express political support to the authorities and people of Sierra Leone for the progress made in the fields of democracy, the rule of law, good governance and national reconciliation.
2. The meeting also urged all Sierra Leone's political leaders and people to continue shunning violence and political intolerance, and to resolvedly develop a national culture of peace, dialogue and participation in preview of the next Presidential elections scheduled in 2012.
3. The meeting acknowledged the important progress made by Sierra Leone in the areas of infrastructure development, education and agriculture under the able leadership of H.E. President Ernest Bai Koroma, and invited all OIC Member States and their private sector to extend further economic and financial assistance to Sierra Leone.

4. The meeting expressed its thanks and appreciation to the State of Qatar, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and other Member States, for the financial support extended to the OIC Trust Fund for Sierra Leone.
  
5. The meeting invited all stakeholders to come up with concrete proposals aimed at giving a new lease of life to the OIC Trust Fund for Sierra Leone which has been unable to cope with the pressing socioeconomic needs due to its scant financial resources exhausted since December 2006. The meeting also urged all OIC Member States to assist in finding alternative viable solutions to the Trust Fund for Sierra Leone which requires to be boosted and revigorated.

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