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- 1. The OIC Contact Group on Iraq met in New York on 22 September 2011on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting of the OIC Foreign Ministers and reviewed the latest developments in Iraq.
- 2. The meeting was chaired by the OIC Secretary General and attended by the delegations of Azerbaijan, Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and Senegal.
- 3. The meeting recalled all the resolutions adopted by the Council of Foreign Ministers on Iraq which stressed the need to safeguard Iraq's sovereignty, political independence, national unity and territorial integrity as well as non interference in its internal affairs and condemnation of all forms of violence and terrorism.
- 4. The meeting expressed satisfaction that the Iraqi political groups reached an agreement on forming a new Iraqi government and expressed hope that the formation of a national partnership government will help Iraq engage in the building of the Iraqi State on sound and sustainable bases for the achievement of national peace and economic and social development in favour of all classes and components of the Iraqi people.
- 5. The meeting lauded the efforts put in by the Iraqi government to end violence and terrorism through a national reconciliation plan aimed at giving the various political, religious and ethnic components of the Iraqi people a chance to participate in the political process and in the reconstruction efforts.
- 6. The meeting recalled that the OIC, in a successful precedent, adopted on 20 October 2006 the Makkah Al Mukarramah Document on the Situation in Iraq, and stressed the need for the OIC General Secretariat to follow up the implementation of this important document and to convene an expanded conference in Baghdad in coordination with the Iraqi authorities and the religious leaders and authorities in Iraq.
- 7. The meeting demanded that the General Secretariat work toward supporting Iraq in the phase of reconstruction and development according to the areas of mutual cooperation agreed upon in the joint communiqué issued in the aftermath of the

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official visit of H.E. the Secretary General to Iraq from 23 to 25 February 2009 on top of a delegation of senior officials from the General Secretariat and the subsidiary organs and specialised and affiliated institutions of the OIC. The meeting emphasized the need for the two sides to continue holding regular meetings in order to implement the joint communiqué.

- 8. The meeting welcomed the outcome of the official visit of H.E. the Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation to Baghdad and to the province of Iraqi Kurdistan as well as his meetings with political and religious leaders in Iraq.
- 9. The meeting commended the initiative of the OIC General Secretariat to implement a humanitarian programme in Iraq in support of the national reconciliation process. The humanitarian programme will benefit all sectors of the Iraqi society.
- 10. The meeting condemned all acts of violence that have taken place recently in Iraq and expressed its support for the efforts made by the Iraqi government to put an end to the spiral of violence through a national reconciliation plan and to allow all sectors of the Iraqi society to participate in the political process and the reconstruction of Iraq.
- 11. The meeting expressed its appreciation to the OIC Member States that have maintained their diplomatic presence in Iraq and called upon all other OIC Member States to open or reopen their embassies in Iraq. The meeting called upon the Member States to write off their debts to Iraq as a contribution to the reconstruction process and commended the Member States that have already written off their debts to Iraq.
- 12. The meeting commended the OIC Secretary General and General Secretariat for supporting Iraq at all levels as well as for the important role played by the OIC Contact Group on Iraq in providing Iraq with the necessary backing, which enabled it to achieve stability at the political and security levels. The meeting approved the recommendation of the Foreign Minister of Iraq to terminate the work of the Contact Group in the light of its brilliant success in the noble mission for which it was established.

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