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1. The OIC Contact Group on Bosnia and Herzegovina convened on Wednesday, 21 September 2011 in New York.
2. The OIC Secretary General, H. E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, and other members of the OIC Contact Group on Bosnia and Herzegovina 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 discussed in depth the developments in Bosnia Herzegovina and reiterated the OIC support to preserve unity, territorial integrity, sovereignty 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. The OIC Contact Group, in this respect, emphasized the importance of the decision making powers of the Bosnia and Herzegovina legal structures of the proper functioning of the state and stressed the need to tackle any existing mechanisms that may hamper these powers, as part of the reform process.
5. The OIC Contact Group, as part of the international community, is carefully monitoring the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and, recalling the report of its previous meetings that took place on 12 October 2009 and 9 November 2009 in Turkey and 22 September 2010 in New York, reiterated its determination to contribute to the international efforts to ensure Bosnia and Herzegovina's advance towards integration with European and Euro Atlantic structures.
6. 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 and displaced persons to their homes.
7. The meeting observed that the lack of implementation of some key elements of the Dayton Peace Agreement have been found to obstruct the process of the reconstruction, democratization, and the reintegration of the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina . The meeting expressed its concern that these violations, particularly relating to the right of the refugees to return, have solidified blockades and prevented the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina from rebuilding a multi-cultural society. The meeting stressed the need for more efforts and work to implement these elements and to fully respect other key aspects of Dayton, particularly regarding Bosnia and Herzegovina's rights over state property that had been confirmed in Dayton and subsequent international agreements.

8. The OIC Contact Group underlined the need of early formation of state government to ensure the institution building measures and carry on necessary reforms to ensure transparency in the activities of the States.

9. 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.

10. The meeting expressed its satisfaction over the arrest of Ratko Mladic in May 2011 who is accused of orchestrating the Srebrenica massacre in which more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys were slaughtered and reaffirmed that the role of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in bringing justice to the region is of significant importance in preventing the reoccurrence of any tragic incidents in the future in this sensitive region.

11. “The Meeting called upon OIC Secretary General to actively follow up the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina within the implementation of the resolution adopted by the 37th session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers held in Dushanbe. Moreover, the meeting called upon member countries to reiterate their commitment to the security, sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina in accordance with the Astana Declaration “Peace, Cooperation and Development” adopted by the 38th session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers and to underline the importance of the swift formation of state-level government for Bosnia and Herzegovina reform process. In that respect, the meeting also drew attention to the fact that further erosion of the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its institutions would not only push the country into a deeper crisis, but could also have negative consequences for the entire region, thus urged all political actors to act with prudence.”

12. The meeting also 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 38th meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan. 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.

13. The meeting called upon the International Community, in particular the UN and the EU and other regional actors to work in a coordinated and effective way to help Bosnia and Herzegovina as it progresses on its European path.

14. The meeting expressed once again its thanks and appreciation to the OIC Secretary General for reactivating the OIC Contact Group on Bosnia and Herzegovina and called for the regular convening of the Contact Group to continue the OIC support to the Bosnian people.
