



Statement, delivered on behalf of the OIC by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Permanent Representative of Pakistan, during Interactive Dialogue on High Commissioner's Report on Myanmar at 48th session of Human Rights Council

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Madam President,

The OIC member states take note of High Commissioner's report.

We express grave concern that Rohingyas in Myanmar continue to be the victims of human rights violations and abuses, including unlawful killings, arbitrary arrests, detentions and high levels of extortion. Entrenched and systemic discrimination continues to affect Rohingyas disproportionately, including hindering their access to basic livelihoods and healthcare services during the COVID pandemic. We deeply regret that Rohingyas have been excluded from Myanmar's ongoing COVID-19 vaccination programmes.

The OIC urges Myanmar to:

- immediately halt human rights abuses and targeted violence against Rohingyas.
- roll out an inclusive COVID response to protect Rohingyas, including ensuring their access to vaccines;
- end impunity by ensuring accountability for human rights violations and bringing all perpetrators to justice;
- fully comply with ICJ's provisional measures and cooperate with all ongoing international judicial mechanisms;
- implement all recommendations of Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, including restoring citizenship and voting rights of Rohingyas; and
- genuinely cooperate with Bangladesh to commence repatriation immediately.

The OIC urges the High Commissioner and her Office to play an active role in pursuing a durable solution to the crisis, including through contributing to the justice and accountability process and advocating for immediate return of forcibly displaced Rohingyas from Bangladesh to Myanmar.

I thank you.