



Statement, delivered on behalf of OIC by Mr. Afaq Ahmed, Counsellor, during Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar at the 46th session of Human Rights Council

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Madam President,

The OIC thanks the SR for his report.

The OIC shares SR's concerns of the grave human rights situation for Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar.

We condemn the targeted and indiscriminate attacks that have resulted in the deaths of 33 Rohingya Muslims, including women and children, in the year following the ICJ's order.

The OIC expresses its serious concerns over the lack of implementation of provisional measures by the ICJ.

It is regrettable that thousands of Rohingyas continue to be forcibly displaced and subject to severe restrictions on their movement within Myanmar. COVID-19 has further exacerbated the public health and human rights situation for Rohingya.

The OIC regrets the exclusion of Rohingya from the democratic process including during the last general elections.

The OIC, therefore, urges Myanmar to:

- a) strictly follow the ICJ's interim order.
- b) cooperate with all independent national, regional and international criminal justice and judicial mechanisms as well as with the UN and its relevant human rights mechanisms.
- c) implement all recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, including restoring citizenship of the Rohingyas, without any delay.
- d) build trust among the Rohingyas temporarily sheltered in Bangladesh through confidence-building measures, including direct communication between the Rohingyas and the Myanmar authorities and by arranging "go and see" visits to Rakhine State by Rohingya representatives.
- e) immediately commence repatriation of the forcibly displaced Rohingyas (through engaging with Bangladesh with a forthright political will).

I thank you.