



**Statement on behalf of OIC by Mr. Afaq, Counsellor for ID with the Independent Mechanism on Myanmar
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Mr. President.

The OIC welcomes the report of the Independent Mechanism.

We trust the Mechanism would continue to collect, consolidate, preserve and analyze evidence of the most serious violations of international law committed in Myanmar since 2011 in a manner no perpetrator remains unidentified who committed crimes against the Rohingyas.

The Mechanism has a vital role to play in facilitating and supporting criminal proceedings in order to advance accountability and help bring justice for the Rohingyas. The OIC calls upon the Mechanism to continue its close and timely cooperation with the courts or tribunals, including the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

We welcome the recent ruling by the ICJ to dismiss the preliminary objections of Myanmar. We hope the ruling would contribute to finding a final solution of the protracted Rohingya crisis.

We thank Bangladesh and other host countries for their continued support to the Mechanism, including facilitating its visits to the region.

The OIC deeply regrets Myanmar's persistent non-cooperation with the Mechanism, including its indifference to the requests for country visits. Myanmar should fully cooperate with the Mechanism with a view to contributing to deliver justice to the Rohingyas. We also call on Myanmar not to destroy any evidence.

It is critically important for the Mechanism to engage with and receive cooperation of other relevant entities for the provision of information. We urge all social media platforms to share evidence with the Mechanism, as and when approached.

Lastly, OIC calls on the OHCHR to continue to provide adequate support to the Mechanism in pursuing its mandate efficiently.

I thank you.

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