



Statement, on behalf of the OIC delivered by Mr. Junaid Suleman, First Secretary, during Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Mechanism on Myanmar at the 48th session of Human Rights Council

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Madam President,

The OIC welcomes the report of the Independent Mechanism for Myanmar and believes that the Mechanism would continue to collect, consolidate, preserve and analyze evidence of the most serious international crimes and violations of international law committed in Myanmar since 2011 in a manner so that no perpetrator remains unidentified who committed crimes against the Rohingyas.

The Mechanism has a crucial role to play in facilitating and supporting criminal proceedings in order to advance accountability and help render justice for the Rohingyas. In this respect, OIC calls upon the Mechanism to ensure close and timely cooperation with the courts or tribunals, including the International Court of Justice.

The OIC deeply regrets Myanmar's persistent non-cooperation with the Mechanism, including Myanmar's indifference to the requests for visits to Myanmar. 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 that the Mechanism engages with and receives cooperation of other relevant entities, including the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its special envoy to Myanmar, for the provision of information. Hence, 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 smoothly.

I thank you.