



Statement delivered by Mr. Afaq Ahmad, Counsellor on behalf of OIC, during Interactive Dialogue with the High Commissioner on the Oral Update on Myanmar

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Mr. President,

On behalf of the OIC member states, we reiterate our serious concern over the continued and grave human rights violations and abuses meted out to the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. Entrenched and systemic discrimination continues to affect Rohingyas disproportionately, including hindering their access to basic livelihoods, education and healthcare services.

The OIC reiterates its strong support for all international, regional and national criminal justice and judicial mechanisms to secure justice for the Rohingyas.

Notwithstanding the existing political situation in Myanmar, the international community should not shy away from shouldering its responsibility to find a solution to the Rohingya crisis without further delay.

Mr. President,

The OIC urges Myanmar to:

- immediately end all violations of human rights against the Rohingya and other minorities;
- strictly follow the ICJ's provisional measures and fully cooperate with all independent national, regional and international judicial and accountability mechanisms as well as with the UN and its relevant human rights mechanisms;
- implement all recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, including restoring citizenship of Rohingyas without any delay;
- take immediate measures to create a conducive environment in Rakhine for safe, voluntary and dignified return of the Rohingyas; and
- immediately commence repatriation of the forcibly displaced Rohingyas from Bangladesh and other host states.

The OIC commends the valuable efforts made by Bangladesh in providing temporary shelter, humanitarian assistance and protection to the Rohingyas. The OIC calls on the High Commissioner and her Office to continue its advocacy and work in support of the resolution of the Rohingya crisis.

I thank you.