



**Statement on behalf of the OIC Group delivered by Amb. Bilal Ahmad, during Interactive Dialogue on the High Commissioner's report on Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in**

**Myanmar**  
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**Mr. President,**

We thank the High Commissioner for the presentation of his report.

The OIC Group is deeply concerned at the resumption of hostilities in Rakhine State and at the recent reports of violence, forced displacement and property destruction against the Rohingya Muslims in Buthidaung township in Rakhine.

The OIC Group urges all conflicting parties to protect the Rohingya Muslims and ensure their safety and security. We also express grave concern at the forced recruitment and use of Rohingya as a human shield by the warring parties in Rakhine and urge them to immediately put an end to this illegal conscription and allow Rohingya, already conscripted to return home.

We urge Myanmar to:

- Implement all recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, including a clear pathway to citizenship for the Rohingya;
- Fully comply with ICJ's provisional measures and cooperate with all ongoing international accountability mechanisms;
- Allow the full, safe, and unhindered and immediate access of humanitarian actors to provide humanitarian assistance; and
- Commence repatriation of the Rohingyas from Bangladesh and other host states to Myanmar with rights, safety and dignity at a suitable time.

**Mr. President,**

In the context of decreasing funding in Joint Response Plan, we call on the international community to keep investing in the wellbeing, safety, and dignity of Rohingya, and help realize their right to return to their homeland in Rakhine.

We also urge the OCHCR to closely monitor the situation in Rakhine, and play an active role in pursuing a durable solution to the crisis, including through contributing to accountability processes.

I thank you.