



**Statement on behalf of OIC Group delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during the Organizational Meeting**

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**Mr. President,**

*I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the OIC.*

The situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar remains a matter of deep concern to OIC member states.

The recent surge in violence, in particular, against the Rohingya Muslims, in Myanmar, demands that this Council's attention is brought back to the plight of Rohingyas.

Rohingya Muslims continue to be victims of systemic discrimination and repression, resulting in violations of human rights including denial of citizenship, deprivation of basic services, arbitrary detentions, forced displacement and severe restrictions on their movement within the country.

Similarly, repatriation of the Rohingya Muslims from Bangladesh and other countries to Myanmar remains a persistent challenge due to lack of commitment from Myanmar authorities and absence of conducive environment within Myanmar.

Considering the grave human rights situation of Rohingya Muslims and other major developments, the OIC Member States intend to present the resolution once again at the forthcoming session entitled "**Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar**".

Last time, this resolution was adopted by the Council at its 53<sup>rd</sup> session with consensus.

**Mr. President,**

Another issue of contemporary salience is the unabated surge in religious hatred globally.

Time and again, we have seen that religious hatred is stoked by various actors for furthering their own agendas.

The OIC Group has repeatedly registered its grave concerns over this rising trend.

To address these despicable manifestations of religious hatred, the OIC Group, last year, presented the resolution entitled "**Countering religious hatred constituting incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence**".



This resolution, inter alia, condemned any advocacy or manifestation of religious hatred, including the public and premeditated acts of desecration of the Holy Qur'an.

The Group believes that the recurrence of these abhorrent acts and the incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence necessitate effective deterrence measures.

In light of this, the Group intends to present this resolution again during the upcoming session.

**Mr. President,**

The Group looks forward to the support of the Council members as well as the broader UN membership in adopting the above-mentioned draft resolutions, with consensus.

**I thank you.**