

<u>Statement on behalf of the OIC Group during Interactive Dialogue with the Special</u> <u>Rapporteur on Myanmar</u> <u>HRC 56th Session</u> 4th July 2024

Mr. President,

The OIC thanks the Special Rapporteur for the oral update.

The OIC is deeply concerned at the recent hostilities in Rakhine state and at the reports of violence, forced displacement and property destruction against the Rohingya Muslim in Buthidaung and Maungdaw township in Rakhine.

We urge all 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 forcible conscription and allow Rohingya, already conscripted to return home immediately.

Mr. President,

The OIC reiterates its calls for meaningful accountability, justice, and a permanent solution to the crisis.

Myanmar must fully comply with ICJ's provisional measures, cooperate with the ongoing international justice and accountability mechanisms, implement all recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, including clear pathways to citizenship of the Rohingya.

The international community and stakeholders in Myanmar must work towards the creation of conducive conditions for commencing voluntary repatriation of the Rohingya back to Rakhine.

In the backdrop of diminishing funding for Rohingya humanitarian assistance, we urge the international community to keep investing in the wellbeing, safety, and dignity of the Rohingya, and help realize their right to return to their homeland.

Finally, the OIC urges the Special Rapporteur to closely monitor the situation in Rakhine, and play an active role in pursuing a durable solution to the crisis.

I thank you.