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Statement on behalf of the OIC by Mr. Afaq Ahmad, Counsellor during ID with the High Commissioner on Myanmar

21 March 2022

Mr. President,

The OIC takes note of the High Commissioner's report.

The OIC expresses grave concern that Rohingyas in Myanmar continue to be the victims of grave human rights violations and abuses. Decades-long systemic discrimination and marginalization continue to undermine their fundamental rights and freedoms.

The OIC reiterates its strong support to all international, regional and national criminal justice and judicial mechanisms, including the ICJ and the Independent Mechanism for Myanmar.

The OIC underscores that notwithstanding the existing political situation in Myanmar, the international community should not overlook the urgency of an early solution to the Rohingya crisis created and aggravated by Myanmar.

The OIC urges Myanmar to:

- a) Immediately stop human rights violations and abuses of all Myanmar people particularly the Rohingya Muslims.
- b) Fully comply with ICJ's provisional measures and cooperate with all ongoing international, regional and national judicial and accountability mechanisms.
- c) Implement all recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, including restoring the citizenship of Rohingyas.
- d) Take immediate measures to create a conducive environment in Rakhine for safe, voluntary and dignified return of the Rohingyas.
- e) Commence repatriation of the Rohingyas from Bangladesh and other host states to Myanmar without further delay.



The OIC urges the High Commissioner and her Office to play an active role in pursuing a durable solution to the crisis, including through contributing to the justice and accountability process and advocating for the immediate return of forcibly displaced Rohingyas.

I thank you.