

OIC Statement delivered by Danyal Hasnain, during Interactive Dialogue on High <u>Commissioner's Report on Myanmar</u> 06 March 2023

Mr. President,

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

The OIC expresses its grave concern that Rohingyas in Myanmar continue to be the victims of massive human rights violations and abuses. Decades-long systemic discrimination and marginalization continue to undermine their fundamental rights and freedoms. We are alarmed by the recent decision of World Food Programme to cut food aid to Rohingyas temporarily sheltered in Bangladesh. The rights of Rohingya people must not be sacrificed at the cost of restoring democracy in Myanmar. Promoting respect for human rights of people of Myanmar, including Rohingyas, and promoting respect for rule of law are shared but not mutually exclusive objectives.

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 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 order 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 state for safe, voluntary and dignified return of the Rohingyas.
- e) Commence repatriation of the Rohingyas from Bangladesh and other host states to Myanmar with safety and dignity, without further delay.

The OIC urges the High Commissioner and his 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 the forcibly displaced Rohingyas.



I thank you.
