



**Statement delivered on behalf of OIC by Ambassador Tahir Hussain Andrabi, Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN, during Interactive Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar**

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**Madam President,**

The OIC regrets that around four years ago, the world witnessed a brutal wave of systematic violence against Rohingya Muslims purposefully unleashed by Myanmar. Since then, regrettably, no progress has been reported in improving the situation of Rohingya Muslims concerning their legal status and right to a nationality or, restoring citizenship. Repatriation of forcibly displaced Rohingya Muslims from Bangladesh to Myanmar has not happened yet due to Myanmar's lack of political will and continued disingenuousness.

The OIC reiterates its strong support for using all appropriate legal instruments and domestic, regional and international judicial mechanisms, including the ICJ, to investigate the gross human rights violations. At the same time, the OIC is deeply concerned that while the international community is advocating for ensuring accountability and justice for Rohingya Muslims, violence against them in various forms continues in Myanmar. They continue to be forcibly displaced and subject to severe restrictions on their movement.

Rohingyas have been one of the most persecuted communities in the world over the years. The human rights of Rohingya Muslims have always been endangered. They have long suffered deep-rooted discrimination in Myanmar. The international community should not lose sight of the persecution of and discrimination against rights of Rohingya Muslims.

The OIC urges Myanmar to protect the rights of Rohingyas, grant citizenship to them, address the root causes, start repatriation of Rohingyas from Bangladesh to Myanmar and forge a durable solution to the crisis without further delay.

I thank you.