

## Statement on behalf of the OIC Group, delivered by Amb. Bilal Ahmad, during the Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Mechanism on Myanmar 57th HRC Session 09 September 2024

## Mr. President.

The OIC welcomes the report of the Independent Mechanism. We appreciate the Mechanism for its analytical report on anti-Rohingya hate speech campaign in Myanmar.

The OIC is deeply concerned at the recent reports of mass killings, arson, and forced conscription against Rohingya Muslims in Rakhine. The OIC urges all conflicting parties to protect the Rohingya Muslims and ensure their safety and security.

The Mechanism has a crucial role to advance accountability and help bring justice for the Rohingyas. Ensuring accountability and justice is vital for the repatriation of Rohingya.

The OIC calls upon the Mechanism to continue its close and timely cooperation with the courts or tribunals, including the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

We thank Bangladesh and other host countries for their continued support to the Mechanism, including facilitating its visits to the region.

The OIC deeply regrets Myanmar's persistent non-cooperation with the Mechanism, including its indifference to the requests for country visits. Myanmar should fully cooperate with the Mechanism with a view to contributing to deliver justice to the Rohingyas. We also call on Myanmar not to destroy any evidence, and implement the provisional measures issued by the ICJ.

It is critically important for the Mechanism to engage with and receive cooperation of other relevant entities for the provision of information. We hope Mechanism will continue to strengthen its capacities, including bringing innovative technologies that will enable the analysis of information and evidence more efficiently and effectively.

Finally, OIC calls on the OHCHR to continue to provide all possible support to the Mechanism in pursuing its mandate smoothly.

I thank you.