Statement on behalf of the OIC Group delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, Counsellor, during Enhanced Interactive Dialogue on reports by the High Commissioner and IIMM on Myanmar

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Mr. President,

The OIC Group thanks the High Commissioner and the Head of the Mechanism for presenting their reports.

We remain gravely concerned over the continued deterioration of the situation in Myanmar, particularly in Rakhine State. Rohingya Muslims continue to face grave human rights violations by the Myanmar military and other armed actors, including killings, arbitrary detention, torture, forced displacement, restrictions on humanitarian assistance.

The Mechanism has a crucial role in advancing accountability and justice for the Rohingya. We call upon the Mechanism to enhance close and timely cooperation with the courts or tribunals, including the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

The Group commends Bangladesh and other regional countries in the region for their continued support to the Mechanism, including by facilitating its regular visits.

We regret Myanmar's persistent non-cooperation with the Mechanism. We call on Myanmar to cooperate in full with international accountability mechanisms and create conditions conducive to the voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable return of Rohingya Muslims to their homeland.

The Rohingya issue is not confined to any country but has become a wider regional concern. It is a test of the international community's ability to prevent a humanitarian crisis from becoming permanent.

We underscore the importance for the OHCHR and the Mechanism to continue to document evidence of grave human rights violations and crimes committed against Rohingya Muslims. We call on member States to continue to support the full implementation of the mandated activities of the OHCHR and the Mechanism for the Rohingya Muslims.

Thank you.

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