



**Statement on Behalf of the OIC Group, delivered by Amb. Bilal Ahmad, during
Interactive Dialogue on High Commissioner's Oral Update on Myanmar
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Mr. President,

The OIC thanks the High Commissioner for the oral update and reiterates its call for greater focus on human rights situation of Rohingya Muslims who are victims of decades long institutionalized discrimination, marginalization, and persecution.

The OIC is deeply concerned over the grave human rights violations and abuses against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar. The OIC urges the international community not to lose sight of the Rohingya crisis for restoration of normalcy in Myanmar.

Without ensuring the rights of the Rohingyas and other ethnic minorities, peace, stability and democracy in Myanmar would remain elusive.

The OIC urges Myanmar to:

- a) Implement all recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, including a clear pathway to citizenship for the Rohingyas;
- b) Fully comply with ICJ's provisional measures and cooperate with all ongoing international accountability mechanisms;
- c) Allow the full, safe, and unhindered access of humanitarian actors to provide humanitarian assistance;
- d) Commence repatriation of the Rohingyas from Bangladesh and other host states to Myanmar with rights, safety and dignity at a suitable time.

Mr. President,

We are alarmed by the diminishing global attention to the humanitarian needs of Rohingyas. We call on the international community to keep investing in wellbeing, safety, and dignity of Rohingyas, and help realize their right to return to their homeland in Rakhine.

Finally, the OIC urges the High Commissioner to play an active role in pursuing a durable solution to the crisis, including through contributing to accountability processes.

I thank you.