



**Statement, on behalf of OIC, by Amb. Khalil Hashmi, Permanent Representative, during introduction of the draft resolution ‘Situation of Human Rights of Rohingya Muslims and other Minorities in Myanmar’**

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**Mr. President,**

On behalf of the OIC countries, I have the honour to introduce draft resolution entitled “situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar” as contained in document A/HRC/53/L.30, as orally revised.

The resolution highlights the concerns of the international community over the grave human rights and humanitarian situation in Myanmar, especially in the context of decades long systemic discrimination against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities.

Unfortunately, successive governments and authorities have failed to uphold their obligations towards Rohingya Muslims and other minorities, resulting in their marginalization and violation of their fundamental rights including the right to life, citizenship, health, education, freedom of religion and freedom of expression, among others.

We conducted several rounds of consultations with delegations, civil society members and appreciate their active engagement on the draft text which represents a united voice in support of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar.

**Mr. President,**

The draft resolution condemns all violations and abuses of human rights in Myanmar and calls for an immediate end to violence.

It stresses the need to address the root-causes of the crisis in Rakhine State.

While reiterating the commitment to ensuring accountability and justice for Rohingyas, it highlights the importance of international, independent, and transparent investigations to hold accountable all those responsible for the grave human rights violations.

We are almost in the seventh year since more than one million Rohingyas left Myanmar in the face of brutalities.

The resolution expresses deep concern at the gradually decreasing financial support and consequent food ration cut for the Rohingyas temporarily sheltered in Bangladesh. It calls upon international community to continue to manifest strong pronouncements of solidarity and support towards the Rohingya and continue to make adequate financial contributions for them.

The current political turmoil in Myanmar should not detract us from paying due attention to this lingering crisis and seeking a durable solution. The resolution calls for voluntary safe, dignified,



and sustainable return of the forcibly displaced Rohingya Muslims and other minorities of Myanmar temporarily sheltered in Bangladesh, as well as from other host states.

The resolution highlights Myanmar's responsibility towards creating conducive conditions for a voluntary, safe and dignified return and the primacy of sustainable return among durable solutions.

It notes a recent field visit by Rohingya representatives to ascertain whether the situation in Rakhine is conducive for return and the imperative to address challenges thereof.

The draft text requests the High Commissioner to present an oral update to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-eighth session and a report at its fifty-ninth session, and a report to the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session.

The OIC hopes this Council will stand united in support of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar and uphold their fundamental rights. We urge all Council members to join consensus on this draft resolution.

**I thank you.**

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