



Statement on behalf of OIC by Ambassador Zaman Mehdi, Deputy Permanent Representative during Panel Discussion on the Root-causes of Human Rights Violations and Abuses against Rohingya Muslims and other Minorities in Myanmar
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Mr. President,

The OIC thanks the High Commissioner for her opening remarks and all the panelists for their contributions.

We deplore that the institutionalized long-standing persecution and victimization of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar has entailed serious violations and abuses of their human rights including perpetuating a cycle of marginalization and their forced mass displacement to Bangladesh.

The OIC recalls that multiple credible reports, including the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights submitted in the Council in 2020 and the final report of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State have identified the denial of citizenship as a root-cause of the continued violation of human rights of Rohingyas in Myanmar. Despite repetitive calls, Myanmar has regrettably failed to take any meaningful action to reinstate their citizenship.

We call upon Myanmar to take immediate measures to implement all recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, including restoring the citizenship of Rohingyas by amending the 1982 Citizenship Law.

Mr. President,

The OIC underscores that addressing the root causes and ensuring accountability are critical for ending continued human right violation against Rohingyas and other minorities in Myanmar. We urge Myanmar to end impunity by ensuring accountability for human rights violations by bringing all perpetrators to justice and to fully comply with ICJ's provisional measures and cooperate with all ongoing international, regional and national judicial and accountability mechanisms.

The OIC also encourages High Commissioner to play an active role in pursuing a durable solution to the crisis by addressing the root causes, including through contributing to the justice and accountability process, and advocating for immediate return of forcibly displaced Rohingyas from Bangladesh to Myanmar.

I thank you.