



**Statement on behalf of OIC by Mr. Umair Khalid, Secretary during
Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Myanmar**

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Mr. President,

The OIC thanks the Special Rapporteur for his oral update.

The OIC condemns continued violence and discrimination against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar. The Rohingya Muslims have been victims of decades long systemic discrimination, resulting in violation of their fundamental rights including the right to life and citizenship.

We are deeply concerned over the failure by successive Myanmar authorities to uphold their international obligations.

Almost five years have passed since over a million Rohingyas were forced to flee their homes in the face of unspeakable brutalities and seek refuge in Bangladesh and elsewhere. The OIC regrets that no progress has been made towards the safe, dignified, and voluntary repatriation of Rohingya from Bangladesh to Myanmar.

Notwithstanding the existing political situation in the country, the OIC reaffirms its call for full respect of the rights and freedoms of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities by the authorities in Myanmar.

Bangladesh is now managing a refugee crisis created and aggravated by policies of Myanmar's successive authorities.

Against this backdrop, the OIC reiterates its calls for meaningful accountability, justice and a permanent solution to the crisis.

Myanmar must fully comply with ICJ's provisional measures, cooperate with the ongoing international judicial mechanisms, implement all recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, including restoring citizenship of the Rohingya and commence repatriation of forcibly displaced Rohingyas from Bangladesh and other host states to Myanmar without delay.

We urge the Special Rapporteur to apply a human rights prism while staying focused on the situation of Rohingyas, irrespective of the political situation in Myanmar and continue to examine concrete measures to find a sustainable solution for the Rohingya.

I thank you.