



Statement on behalf of OIC by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Permanent Representative during introduction of Resolution on the 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 would like to introduce the draft resolution entitled “situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar” as contained in document A/HRC/50/L.21.

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, the situation on ground is deteriorating and successive governments and authorities have failed to uphold their obligations towards Rohingya Muslims and other minorities, resulting in violations of their fundamental rights including the rights to life, citizenship, health, education, freedom of religion and freedom of expression among others.

We appreciate the active engagement of delegations and civil society members 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 and all violations of international law. It conveys deep concern at the human rights violations and abuses against the Rohingya Muslims and other minorities and reaffirms their fundamental rights including access to citizenship. It stresses the need to address the root-causes of the crisis in Rakhine State and reaffirms the necessity of an immediate cessation of the use of military force that would lead to further displacement of the Rohingya Muslims and other minorities.

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

Since Myanmar’s brutal onslaught against Rohingya Muslims five years ago, more than one million have left the country in a miserable situation. Bangladesh is hosting and



providing support to these people despite resource constraints. In addition, other host states in Southeast Asia are also hosting Rohingya Muslims and other minorities.

We are deeply concerned that the political crisis may lead to further deterioration of the situation of the Rohingyas and their further displacement. The political turmoil should not detract us from paying due attention to this crisis and seeking a durable solution. The international community must press Myanmar to create conditions conducive for repatriation of Rohingya Muslims. The resolution, therefore, 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 includes a decision to hold a panel discussion in the Council on the necessary measures to find durable solutions of the crisis and to end all forms of human rights violations and abuses against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar at its 53rd session.

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

I thank you.