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**41<sup>st</sup> SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

**Interactive Dialogue with the High Commissioner in follow-up to  
Resolution S-27/1**

Remarks by OIC

10 July 2019

Thank you, Mr. President.

The OIC Group remains deeply concerned at the human rights situation of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. We thank the High Commissioner for her Oral Update about this human rights and humanitarian crisis. The OIC believes that racial and religious discrimination remains one of the biggest obstacles to global peace and security.

Mr. President,

The OIC calls upon Myanmar to take immediate action for creating congenial atmosphere for safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable return of all Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh and elsewhere. For this, early implementation of the bilateral agreement with Bangladesh and the MoU with UNHCR and UNDP is necessary. We also urge Myanmar to review all discriminatory laws and practices targeting Rohingya Muslims, including the 1982 Citizenship law, and to implement fully the recommendations of Rakhine Advisory Commission.

The Rohingya IDPs should be allowed to go back their villages, with assurance of freedom of movement and livelihood, and access to social services. Discriminatory rhetoric and hate speech against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities must be stopped.

Mr. President,

The OIC calls upon the international community, to exhibit highest political will to bring an end to the suffering of the Rohingya Muslims. Ensuring justice and accountability for the heinous crimes as documented in the FFM's final report, is important to ensure non-recurrence and reconciliation. We urge Myanmar to take effective measures in this regard, including by cooperating with the international community. In this connection, we note the establishment of the International Commission of Enquiry (ICOE) by Myanmar, and hope that it will help ensure accountability and will cooperate with International mechanisms. We also recall the historic Joint OIC-EU tabled resolutions 39/2 of the Human Rights Council and 73/264 of the UNGA, and call for subsequent early operationalisation of the Independent Mechanism (IM).

I thank you.