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**Statement by Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)
Interactive Dialogue with
Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar
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Mr. President,

On behalf of OIC, I thank the SR for her oral update on the human rights situation in Myanmar, and again express our deep regret at the continued refusal of the Government of Myanmar to grant her access. OIC once again urges Myanmar to fully cooperate with the SR, including through facilitating her visits.

OIC further calls on Myanmar to ensure unrestricted and unmonitored access to relevant UN agencies and all UN mandate holders and human rights mechanisms, including the Independent Investigative Mechanism, so that they may independently monitor the human rights situation in the country. OIC urges Myanmar to immediately end all violence and hostilities, protect the Rohingya Muslims and their property, lift the continuing restrictions on their freedom of movement and allow full humanitarian access.

Credible investigation of allegations of gross violations of human rights, including systematic acts of violence committed against the Rohingya people and prosecution of their perpetrators are critical to break the cycle of atrocities, remove impunity and ensure justice. Pursuing genuine accountability, using all legal instruments and international judicial mechanisms, remains an urgent priority.

It is regrettable that Myanmar has not yet shown any visible progress in implementing the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, particularly, regarding reviewing the 1982 citizenship law. Myanmar must address the root causes of the current situation, including granting citizenship to the Rohingya.

OIC is appalled by the FFM's finding that Rohingya lands have been used by Tatmadaw for their own commercial purposes.

OIC urges Myanmar to show genuine political will and take decisive actions to create a conducive environment for the safe, voluntary, dignified and

sustainable return of forcibly displaced Rohingya, currently residing in Bangladesh, to their homeland.

I thank you.