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Statement by Pakistan for ID with FFM on Myanmar

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Mr. President,

We thank the members of the Fact-Finding Mission for their hard work and for their final report.

Pakistan is concerned at the findings of the Fact-Finding Mission's report. Rohingya Muslims have been victims of a systemic persecution spanning decades. Unfortunately, vitriolic anti-Muslim hatred continues to remain a common feature in the Myanmar public discourse. This only serves to isolate and criminalize the Muslim Rohingya Population.

Mr. President,

The extreme vulnerability of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities is a consequence of State policies and practices implemented over decades, steadily marginalising them. The result is a continuing situation of severe, systemic and institutionalised oppression from birth to death.

The FFM's conclusion that serious crimes under international law have been committed in Myanmar, which warrant criminal investigation and prosecution, is alarming. We also fear that unless the underlying social and political causes of this discrimination and persecution are addressed, and all ranks within the security forces are held accountable for their actions, similar outbreaks of violence and associated atrocity crimes will continue.

Mr. President,

Pakistan believes that the international community must take a united stand to bring an end to the suffering of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar and assist Myanmar in addressing the root causes of its recurrent problems.

I thank you.