

<u>Statement on behalf of OIC, delivered by Amb. Zaman Mehdi, DPR, during Panel Discussion</u> on the Measures Necessary to Find Durable Solutions to the Rohingya Crisis <u>21 June 2023</u> 53rd HRC Session

Mr. President,

The OIC thanks the Deputy High Commissioner for her opening remarks and all the panelists for their contributions.

We deplore the institutionalized discrimination, disenfranchisement, and long-standing persecution of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. These have triggered grave human rights violations and abuses including through perpetuating a cycle of marginalization and their forced exodus to Bangladesh and other neighboring states in the region.

The OIC underscores that addressing the root causes and ensuring accountability and justice are critical for upholding human rights of Rohingyas and other minorities in Myanmar. We call upon Myanmar to:

- a) Take immediate measures to implement all recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine, including restoring citizenship of Rohingyas by amending the 1982 Citizenship Law.
- b) fully comply with ICJ's provisional measures and cooperate with all ongoing international, regional, and national judicial and accountability mechanisms.
- c) End the culture of impunity by ensuring accountability for violations of international law.

Mr. President,

Repatriation of Rohingyas from Bangladesh and other host states to Myanmar with safety and dignity is important for finding the durable solution of the Rohingya crisis. In this regard, we welcome the recent dialogue between the Bangladesh and Myanmar over the commencement of repatriation through a pilot project. We expect that the successful implementation of this project will play a pivotal role in ensuring sustainable repatriation of the Rohingya to their homeland in Myanmar with safety and dignity.

The OIC also encourages OHCHR to play an active role in pursuing a durable solution to the crisis by addressing the root causes, including through calls for justice and accountability processes, and advocating for immediate return of forcibly displaced Rohingyas from Bangladesh and other host states to Myanmar.

I thank you!
