

Statement on behalf of OIC, delivered by Amb. Zaman Mehdi, DPR, during the Interactive Dialogue on High Commissioner's Report on Myanmar 54th HRC Session 26th September 2023

Mr. President,

The OIC takes notes of the report of the High Commissioner and reiterates its call for greater focus on human rights situation of Rohingya Muslims who have been victims of decades long institutionalized discrimination, marginalization, and long-standing persecution.

The OIC is concerned over the grave human rights violations and abuses against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar.

The ongoing violence, killings, burnings, and shelling attest to the fact that resolution of the Rohingya crisis could not be considered secondary to finding a solution to the political crisis in Myanmar.

We welcome continuous dialogue between Bangladesh and Myanmar over the commencement of repatriation through a pilot project. Repatriation of Rohingyas from Bangladesh and other host states to Myanmar with safety and dignity is vital for finding a durable solution of the Rohingya crisis.

The OIC urges Myanmar to:

- a) Implement all recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, including a clear pathway to citizenship for the Rohingya.
- b) Fully comply with ICJ's provisional measures and cooperate with all ongoing international accountability mechanisms.
- c) Allow the full, safe and unhindered access of humanitarian actors to provide humanitarian assistance by regional and international partners,
- d) Incentivize and commence repatriation of the Rohingyas from Bangladesh and other host states.

Mr. President,

We are alarmed by the diminishing global attention to the humanitarian needs of Rohingyas. We call on the international community to continue to make adequate financial contributions for the Rohingyas

The OIC also urges the High Commissioner to continue his efforts for a durable solution of the Rohingya crisis, in line with his mandate.

I thank you.