



Statement on behalf of OIC, delivered by Amb. Zaman Mehdi, DPR during Interactive Dialogue with High Commissioner's report on Myanmar
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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 are victims of decades long institutionalized discrimination, marginalization, and long-standing persecution. We note that framing Rohingya situation exclusively in the current political turmoil in Myanmar is a lopsided approach.

The OIC remains concerned over the gross and systematic human rights abuses against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar.

We welcome the recent dialogue between Bangladesh and Myanmar over the commencement of repatriation through a pilot project.

The OIC urges Myanmar once again 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) Commence repatriation of the Rohingyas from Bangladesh and other host states to Myanmar with safety and dignity and without further delay,
- d) Ensure unhindered access to humanitarian actors as well as the full protection, safety and security,

Mr. President,

We note with alarm the recent reductions of food rations by World Food Programme for the Rohingyas temporarily sheltered in Bangladesh. *We call on the international community to continue to make adequate financial contributions for the Rohingyas to avoid its devastating consequences.*

Finally, the OIC urges the High Commissioner and his Office to play an active role in promoting respect, protection and realization of human rights of Rohingyas and other minorities in Myanmar including forcibly displaced Rohingyas. We also appreciate High Commissioner's advocacy role in advancing immediate repatriation of forcibly displaced Rohingyas,

I thank you.
