



Statement on behalf of OIC, delivered by Amb. Zaman Mehdi, DPR,
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Mr. President,

The OIC thanks the Special Rapporteur for his oral update. We note that SR made comments which are not based on complete information and facts.

Almost six years have passed since over a million Rohingyas were forced to flee their homes in the face of atrocity crimes and seek refuge in Bangladesh. We are alarmed by the recent reductions of food rations and gradually decreasing financial support in particular to the Joint Response Plan 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 devastating consequences which can go much beyond their food security and have the potent of creating regional insecurity.

Mr. President,

Notwithstanding the existing political situation in Myanmar, the international community should not avoid their responsibilities by simply saying that conditions for repatriation are absent while taking no concrete steps in creating conducive atmosphere in Rakhine. The OIC finds hints of local integration totally unacceptable as sustainable return in safety and dignity can be the only durable solution.

The OIC reiterates its calls for meaningful accountability, justice, and a permanent solution to the crisis. Myanmar must fully comply with ICJ's provisional measures, cooperate with the ongoing international justice and accountability mechanisms, implement all recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, including clear pathways to citizenship of the Rohingya and commence voluntary repatriation of forcibly displaced Rohingyas from Bangladesh and other host States to Myanmar without delay.

Finally, we urge Special Rapporteur to dedicate his full attention to the situation of Rohingyas irrespective of the political situation in Myanmar and continue to focus on concrete measures to be undertaken by Myanmar, countries in the region and the international community.

I thank you.
