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Madam President,

The OIC once again expresses profound concern over the continuing human rights violations against the Rohingya in Myanmar, as reported by the High Commissioner.

While emphasizing the importance of a meaningful national mechanism to address human rights violations, the OIC is deeply concerned that Myanmar's national Commissions of inquiry have been characterized by serious shortcomings, in terms of independence and impartiality and expresses its deep concern at the widespread impunity for the human rights violations. The OIC, therefore, attaches importance to intensifying efforts at the international level to deliver justice to the Rohingya.

The OIC welcomes the efforts by the Gambia for taking this case to the International Court of Justice and also welcomes the interim order delivered by the ICJ on 23 January 2020.

In light of High Commissioner's report, the OIC urges Myanmar -

first, to immediately comply with the four emergency "provisional measures", ordered by ICJ, including preventing genocidal acts against the Rohingya, ensuring that military and other forces do not commit genocidal acts, preserving the evidences and reporting.

second, to ensure unhindered access to UN agencies, mandate holders and human rights mechanisms, including Independent Mechanism for Myanmar.

third, to take measures to grant citizenship to Rohingyas.

fourth, to end Islamophobia, hatred against Rohingyas and other ethnic minorities, and to stop labelling them as "Bengali immigrants living illegally in Myanmar".

finally, to show genuine political will to create a conducive environment for the return of displaced Rohingyas staying in Bangladesh to Myanmar, and to deal with the root causes highlighted in the High Commissioner report.

The OIC strongly urges this Council and the OHCHR to remain seized of this matter of grave importance.

Thank you.