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Statement by Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

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Madam President,

The OIC thanks the Secretary General for his oral update and takes note of the Rosenthal report.

The world has witnessed a wrenching spectacle of flagrant violations and abuses of human rights against the Rohingya. The report clearly says that the main responsibility for this belongs to Myanmar. It is also regrettable that the UN System overall had been relatively impotent to stop, mitigate, or even draw attention to the crimes committed against the Rohingya. The OIC is concerned that the report highlighted that the "systemic failure" of the UN occurred due to lack of support from specialized UN organs. The OIC encourages the UN Bodies to give due consideration to alleviate the plight of the Rohingya.

The OIC fully understands that the key would be to foster an environment encouraging different UN Bodies to work together. However, such engagements will never generate any meaningful outcome until it is mutually inclusive and justly complemented by both sides. The OIC urges Myanmar to fully cooperate with the UN and its mechanisms, including Special Rapporteur, Secretary General's Special Envoy and Independent Mechanism for Myanmar.

Madam President,

Impunity breeds impunity. Justice and accountability must remain central in the efforts to prevent the recurrence of serious violations of international law. The OIC calls on the UN bodies to work on immediately ending violence against the Rohingya and holding the perpetrators accountable. OIC also welcomes ICJ's provisional order and the decision of Maldives to file a declaration of intervention at ICJ to facilitate The Gambia's case and considers it to be a crucial momentum for the pursuit of justice for the Rohingya. The OIC notes Myanmar's participation in the proceedings and urges Myanmar to comply with the provisional decision. We urge the international community to continue to support the efforts to seek justice and accountability, for the Rohingya at the international level.

I thank you.