



## Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

Statement

### 43<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

### Remarks by Pakistan for Interactive Dialogue with the High Commissioner on Rohingya

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Madam President,

Pakistan thanks the High Commissioner for her report.

We are concerned at the lack of progress to end the grave human rights violations and atrocities perpetrated against the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar.

Violations and abuses against minorities in Myanmar affect the entire spectrum of civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights. As the High Commissioner has noted in her report, addressing the root causes of discrimination and human rights violations against ethnic and religious minorities and ensuring accountability is fundamental to achieving peace in Myanmar. At the same time, consolidating democratic transition and rebuilding society based on the principles of equality and non-discrimination is essential. We urge the Government of Myanmar to ensure immediately end to hostilities and violations of international humanitarian and human rights law, ensure prompt, independent, and thorough investigations into all allegations of human rights violations and grant immediate, safe and unhindered access to UN agencies and their partners, as well as other domestic and international organizations.

We urge Myanmar to take concrete steps to address the root causes of discrimination against Rohingya and ensure their wellbeing including the legitimate right to citizenship and return in conditions of safety with dignity to their ancestral homes in Myanmar.

Madam President,

Pakistan has been hosting refugees for decades and is well aware of the socio-economic costs that have to be borne by the host communities and economy. In this regard, we appreciate the efforts of Government of Bangladesh in providing shelter and relief to the Rohingya refugees and urge the international community for greater assistance and support.

I thank you.