



## **Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN**

**Geneva**

### **National statement, delivered by Ms. Fareena Arshad, First Secretary, during ID with High Commissioner on Human Rights Situation of Rohingya at the 44<sup>th</sup> Session Of Human Rights Council**

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Madam President,

We thank the High Commissioner for her oral update.

Pakistan remains concerned over the situation of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. The High Commissioner, other international institutions and organizations continue to report the loss of life and property faced by innocent Rohingya men, women and children, and their large-scale displacement into neighboring countries.

Addressing the underlying social and political causes of persecution, and ensuring across the board accountability are pre-requisites to prevent the recurrence violence and associated atrocity crimes.

Madam President,

We regret that the state policies that vilify Rohingya Muslims and other minorities and are the main driver of the conflict, continue unabated. We urge the Government of Myanmar to:

- 1) Take credible steps to ensure the safety and security of the Muslim Rohingya population;
- 2) Allow immediate access of humanitarian supplies to the affected areas;
- 3) Create favorable conditions for sustainable and safe return of all Rohingya refugees;
- 4) Grant legitimate rights, including citizenship, communal participation, representation and freedom of movement, to the Rohingya, as equal citizens of Myanmar;
- 5) Respect its obligations under international law, and hold to account all perpetrators of violence against the Rohingya

Pakistan reiterates its commitment and readiness to work together with all stakeholders, including Government of Myanmar, to prevent human rights violations and to create pathways for the sustainable return and rehabilitation of the Rohingya to their ancestral homes in Myanmar in conditions of peace and dignity.

I thank you.