



Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

Statement, delivered on behalf of OIC by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Pakistan Permanent Representative to the UN, during ID with High Commissioner on Human Rights Situation of Rohingya at the 44th Session Of Human Rights Council

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Madam President,

The OIC thanks the High Commissioner for her oral update. More than two and half years ago, this august Council staunchly supported convening of a Special Session in response to the horrendous crimes committed by Myanmar against the Rohingya Muslims. The Session's deliberations culminated in the adoption of a landmark resolution calling on Myanmar, *inter alia*, to protect the Rohingya, ensure accountability and justice for them, address the root causes and secure their sustainable return to Myanmar.

Though considerable time has elapsed, regrettably, no visible progress has been made by Myanmar in implementing the key provisions. Moreover, the OIC is deeply concerned about the continuation of violence in Rakhine State, even at the time of COVID-19. Therefore, the OIC urges Myanmar:

First, to immediately end all targeted violence against the Rohingya.

Second, to ensure an inclusive COVID response to protect all communities, including the Rohingya;

Third, to lift restrictions on the freedom of movement in Rakhine State with a view to ensuring access to healthcare services and information.;

Fourth, to end impunity by delivering justice to the Rohingya;

Fifth, to fully comply with ICJ's provisional measures and cooperate with the ICC, ICJ and IIMM;

Sixth, to restore citizenship and voting rights of Rohingya for unimpeded participation in upcoming general elections, while allowing monitoring by international observers and media.

And **lastly**, to genuinely cooperate with Bangladesh in commencing repatriation immediately.

I thank you.