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Joint statement on Rohingya, delivered by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Pakistan Permanent Representative, during General Debate under Item 2 at 45th Session of the Human Rights Council

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Thank you, Madam President.

I am speaking on behalf of Member States of the OIC and the EU, as well as Australia, Iceland, Canada, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and the UK. The complete list of co-sponsors and full version of the statement will be uploaded in the extranet.

25th August marked three years since the Myanmar security forces launched a brutal campaign of systematic violence resulting in forced displacement of hundreds of thousands of Rohingya and other minorities. Once again, we condemn such heinous crimes and violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law in the strongest possible terms.

We appreciate the ongoing humanitarian efforts and commitments that the Government of Bangladesh, in cooperation with the UN agencies and international community, including all humanitarian actors, extended to those fleeing human rights violations and abuses in Myanmar.

Though considerable time has elapsed, regrettably, no decisive progress has been made by Myanmar in resolving the crisis, including ensuring accountability and justice for the victims. Even amid the COVID-19 pandemic, violence has rather been amplified with arbitrary arrests, detention, torture and killings.

We urge Myanmar:

- to immediately end all violence against the Rohingya and other minorities.
- to fully comply with the “provisional measures”, ordered by the International Court of Justice, including preventing commission of all acts of genocide against the Rohingya in its territory, and preventing the destruction of and ensuring the preservation of evidence.
- to fully cooperate with all independent national, regional and international criminal justice and judicial mechanisms as well as with the United Nations and its relevant human rights mechanisms, including the Independent Mechanism for Myanmar as established by the Council.
- To fully implement all recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, including addressing the root causes of human rights violations and abuses against ethnic minorities, including the Rohingya, such as access to citizenship and voting rights of the



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Rohingya and other minorities for their unimpeded participation in the upcoming general elections, while allowing monitoring by international observers and the media.

- to take concrete steps and cooperate with the Government of Bangladesh in commencing repatriation without further delay in line with the bilateral instruments on repatriation signed by Bangladesh and Myanmar in November 2017, including through the implementation of the memorandum of understanding signed by the Government of Myanmar, the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Thank you.