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- The OIC Contact Group on Rohingya Muslims of Myanmar held a meeting on 22 June 2025 in Istanbul on the sidelines of the 51<sup>st</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of OIC Member States. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Yousef Al Dobeay, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs.
- 2. The Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and members of the OIC Contact Group addressed the meeting highlighting the crucial importance of this issue on the agenda of OIC.
- 3. The Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs reiterated the firm position of OIC to defend the rights and interests of the Rohingya and underlined the need to strengthen dialogue with key international actors to tackle the underlying causes of this complex crisis and find a durable solution to it.
- 4. The OIC Contact Group expressed serious concern over the continuing systematic discrimination and gross violations of human rights of the Rohingya Muslims in Rakhine state in Myanmar.
- 5. It expressed alarm and concern on recent reports of violence, killings, forced displacement, and property destruction against the Rohingya Muslim community in Rakhine state by Myanmar Military and Arakan Army and called for immediate and unhindered humanitarian access.
- 6. The Contact Group expressed deep concern at credible reports, assessments and conclusions of various international and human rights organizations that recent atrocities are part of a systematic strategy and plan of ethnic cleansing of Rohingya Muslims of Rakhine state.
- 7. The members of the Contact Group expressed their solidarity with the People's Republic of Bangladesh for hosting the Rohingya refugees. They called on OIC Member States and the international community to further support Bangladesh in providing humanitarian assistance to the Rohingya refugees until their voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable repatriation to Myanmar.
- 8. The Contact Group urged Myanmar to address the root causes of the conflict and restore the basic rights of the Rohingya, especially the right to citizenship, protect the rights of Muslim minorities in the country and take concrete actions to ensure the voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable return of the Rohingya to their homeland in the Rakhine state.
- 9. The meeting commended the efforts made by OIC Member States in providing humanitarian assistance to the affected Rohingya communities in Myanmar and Bangladesh and called on the Member States, OIC institutions and Islamic NGOs to continue to extend generously

- humanitarian assistance in order to alleviate the suffering of forcibly displaced Rohingyas and IDPs, including supporting the efforts of the host countries;
- 10. The Contact Group underscored the importance of holding accountable all those responsible for brutal acts and crimes against the Rohingya Muslims to bring justice and accountability to the Rohingya victims. It appreciated the efforts undertaken by the Gambia to end the culture of impunity by bringing all those responsible to justice for gross violations of international human rights and humanitarian laws and principles.
- 11. It emphasized the collective efforts that had led to the landmark Order of the ICJ, in January 2020, on provisional measures, urging Myanmar to cease all actions that could amount to genocide and to preserve any evidence related to any acts of genocide.
- 12. It further stressed on Myanmar to fully comply with the Order of the Court and take all measures to prevent the commission of all acts of genocide against the Rohingya and urged the international community to take concrete steps to implement this Order. It also recalled the milestone ruling by the ICJ on July 22, 2022, rejecting Myanmar's preliminary objections to the case.
- 13. The Contact Group took note of the disproportionate pressure on Bangladesh in hosting over 1.3 million Rohingyas and called for the creation of conducive environment in the Rakhine state leading to speedy repatriation of the Rohingyas to their homeland in Myanmar.
- 14. The Contact Group welcomed the support to the case by Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands and the United Kingdom, as well as the declaration of the United States that Myanmar committed genocide.
- 15. It expressed appreciation to the OIC Member States that have contributed to the account related to the case and urged other OIC Member States to join this joint effort in support for the case.
- 16. The meeting welcomed the upcoming "High-Level Conference on the situation of Rohinngya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar" to be held on 30 September 2025 in New York, on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) and urged for high-level participation from the OIC Member States in the Conference.
- 17. The meeting called for the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 2669 (2022) concerning the grave situation in Myanmar and previous UN General Assembly Resolutions on the Rohingya issue.
- 18. The representative of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Committee (IPHRC) highlighted the ongoing plight of the Rohingyas and called for sustained international pressure on Myanmar to ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary and sustainable return of Rohingya refugees to their homeland, in accordance with international human rights and humanitarian standards.

- 19. The meeting encouraged the Contact Group on Rohingya Muslim Minority of Myanmar to make regular visits to the refugee camps in Bangladesh and Myanmar in this regard.
- 20. The Meeting requested that the Permanent Missions of the OIC Member States in New York, Geneva and Brussels convene meetings of the Contact Group on Rohingya Muslim Minority of Myanmar on a regular basis to review the situation of the Rohingya Muslim minority and explore sustained engagement strategies with Myanmar, the United Nations, the European Union, and other international organizations, and report to the OIC Secretary General.

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