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1. In implementation of Summit Resolution No.3/4-EX (IS), a Contact Group on Rohingya Muslim Minority was established with a mandate to consider ways, means, and mechanisms to ensure the halt of human rights violations against Muslim Rohingya in Myanmar and the return of their citizenship rights. The OIC Ministerial Contact Group on Rohingya Muslim Minority met on September 24th, 2013 in New York.
2. The OIC Secretary General H.E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu and other members of the OIC Contact Group addressed the meeting.
3. The meeting was brief by the OIC General Secretariat on the current situation in Myanmar, mission report of the Special Envoy, report of the follow-up committee, and efforts of OIC Member States in New York and Geneva.
4. The meeting discussed in depth the developments in Myanmar and reiterated the OIC's support for Rohingya Muslims in regaining their basic human rights such as the right to education, ownership, citizenship, religious freedom, and social rights.
5. The meeting acknowledged the UN Human Rights Council Presidential Statement of the 22nd session on June 14th, 2013 calling for an immediate end to human rights violations against Muslims in the south east of the country as well as the UN General Assembly resolution (N 12-59569) on 'The Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar' adopted by the 67th session on November 16th, 2012 which urged the Government of Myanmar to accelerate its efforts to address discrimination, human rights violations, violence, displacement and economic deprivation affecting various ethnic minorities and, expressing particular concern about the situation of the Rohingya minority in Rakhine State, urges the Government to take action to bring about an improvement in their situation and to protect all their human rights, including their right to a nationality.
6. The meeting welcomed the UN Secretary General's statement of July 10th, 2013 during his meeting with the Group of Friends of Myanmar expressing concern about the plight of the Rohingya population and their disturbing humanitarian situation and stressing the urgent need to address the underlying causes of difficulties, including the issue of citizenship for the Rohingya.
7. The meeting highlighted the efforts of members of the OIC group in New York who took the initiative and met with the United Nations Secretary General to express their concern and ask him to be more visible and public on the issue of the Rohingya which would be helpful in pressuring the Myanmar government.

8. The meeting welcomed the Arakan Rohingya Union Congress which took place on July 7th-8th, 2013 at the OIC Headquarters. The Congress adopted their charter, elected their Director General, council, and advisory board as well as set their strategy for the coming years. The meeting expressed the willingness of the Member States to support the Arakan Rohingya Union.
9. The meeting expressed its deep concern over the human rights violations against the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar and reiterated its firm and unwavering demand for an immediate halt of the unlawful acts perpetrated against Rohingya and other Muslims in Myanmar.
10. The OIC Contact Group underlined the importance of the rule of law, good governance and human rights, and urged the government of Myanmar to do its utmost to maintain peace in the Rakhine region, improve the conditions on the ground, and enhance dialogue between both sides to prevent the recurrence of similar events in the future.
11. The meeting welcomed the statement made by Dato' Sri Anifah Hj Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, at the 46th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' meeting which called upon the Myanmar Government to take immediate actions to address the increasing inter-communal violence in the country and to extend its fullest cooperation and access to the OIC Contact Group. The meeting also welcomed the statement of Mr. Marty Natalegawa, Foreign Minister of Indonesia, calling on Myanmar to grant legal status to the hundreds of thousands of Rohingya living within its borders.
12. The meeting called upon the Government of Myanmar to quickly respond to OIC's request to arrange for a ministerial delegation of the Contact Group on Rohingya to visit Rakhine State and other areas where Muslims live in Myanmar and to expedite the visit of the Secretary General to Myanmar.
13. The meeting urged all OIC Member States to use their diplomatic contacts at the highest level to help alleviate the suffering of the Rohingya Muslim population of Rakhine State.
14. The Contact Group expressed the importance of forming a united opinion and coordinating initiatives expeditiously and over a long period of time.
15. The meeting decided to table an OIC sponsored resolution specific to Myanmar to the UN General Assembly at the 68th Session;