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Human Rights Situation of Muslims in Myanmar

1. Expresses deep concern over gross violations of human rights against Muslims in Myanmar including against Rohingya Muslims in Rakhine state,

2. Acknowledges the statement made by President U Thein Sein on 28 March 2013, in which he guaranteed that all perpetrators of violence will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, and notes the establishment of the Central Committee for Implementation of Stability and Development in Rakhine State following the report of the Independent Rakhine Investigation Commission.

3. Recalls various statements made by the United Nations Secretary General, High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Secretary General’s Advisor on Myanmar, the Human Rights Council Special Rapporteur on human rights situation in Myanmar urging the Myanmar authorities to protect the civilian population from violence and to ensure full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the High Commissioner statement in her briefing to the Human Rights Council on 27th of May 2013.

4. Urges the Government of Myanmar to take immediate measures to put an end to all acts of violence and all violations of human rights against Muslims, and also calls upon political and religious leaders in the country to give precedence to peaceful resolution through dialogue,

5. Calls upon the Government of Myanmar to take all necessary measures to ensure accountability and end impunity for all violations of human rights which takes place, including against Muslims, by undertaking full, transparent and independent investigation into reports of all violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law.
6. Calls upon the Government of Myanmar, in conjunction with the international community, to ensure the return of all refugees and IDPs displaced from their homes, including Muslims.

7. Urges the Government of Myanmar to take all necessary measures to prevent the destruction of places of worship, cemeteries infrastructure and commercial or residential buildings belonging to all peoples.

8. Urges the Government of Myanmar to grant full citizenship rights, in keeping within a transparent due process, to Rohingya Muslims in Rakhine State including by reviewing the 1982 Citizenship Law.

9. Calls upon the Government of Myanmar to ensure full cooperation with all parties and allow full access of humanitarian assistance to the affected persons and communities, and in this regard, urges it to implement the various cooperation agreements not yet implemented between Myanmar authorities and the International Community for the distribution of the humanitarian aid to all affected areas including the Rakhine State without any discrimination.

10. Encourages the Government of Myanmar to continue to engage with the Human Rights Council on this matter.