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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 convened on September 26th, 2012 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 briefed by the OIC General Secretariat on the current situation in Rakhine State and the findings of the advance delegation.
4. The meeting discussed in depth the developments in Myanmar and reiterated the OIC support for Rohingya Muslims in regaining their rights basic human rights such as the right to education, ownership, citizenship, religious freedom, and social rights.
5. To meeting welcomed the European Parliament's Resolution which and called on the Myanmar Government to fully comply with international human rights standards, supported Rohingya's rights, and provided humanitarian aid to the displaced Rohingya people.
6. The meeting welcomed Myanmar Government's cooperation with OIC on the humanitarian front by signing an MoC for the establishment of an OIC Humanitarian office in Myanmar and distributing humanitarian aid.
7. The meeting expressed its deep concern over the human rights violations of the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar.
8. The OIC Contact Group underlined the importance of the rule of law, good governance, human rights, and urged the government of Myanmar to do its utmost to maintain peace in the Rakhine region, improve the physical conditions on the ground, and enhance dialogue between both sides to prevent the recurrence of similar events in the future.
9. The Contact Group expressed the importance of forming a united opinion, coordinate initiatives expeditiously and over a long period of time.

10. The Meeting welcomed the visit of H.E. Mr. Ahmet Davutoglu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey to Myanmar from 8 to 10 August 2012, and the substantial humanitarian aid distributed directly by the Turkish Red Crescent during the visit.
11. The meeting welcomed the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's generous donation of \$50 million, Republic of Turkey's donation, and donations from Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Humanitarian Foundation in United Arab Emirates, Qatar Charity in Qatar and encouraged all Member States to provide humanitarian aid to Muslim Rohingya brothers and sisters.
12. In light of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the OIC and the Government of Myanmar particularly with a view to ensuring coordination, the Meeting invites the Member States and their humanitarian institutions to support and as much as possible, try to channel their humanitarian and rehabilitation assistance, through the OIC Humanitarian Office to be established in Myanmar.
13. The meeting reaffirmed the role of the United Nations in the plight of the Rohingya.
14. The meeting urged all OIC Member States to use their diplomatic contacts at the highest level to help alleviate the sufferings of the Rohingya Muslim population of Rakhine State.
15. The meeting called upon the OIC Secretary General to actively follow up the situation of the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar within the implementation of the resolution adopted at the 4th Extraordinary Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukkaramah. The meeting also called upon OIC Member States and OIC Financial institutions to contribute generously to the Rohingya Minority in Myanmar to ensure the return of the internally displaced persons and refugees to their homeland and construction activities in Rakhine State.
16. The meeting expressed once again its thanks and appreciation to the OIC Secretary General for establishing the OIC Contact Group on Rohingya Muslim minority and called for the regular convening of the Contact Group to continue the OIC support to the Rohingya people.
17. The meeting called upon the government of Myanmar to find a lasting solution to the plight of the Muslim Rohingya minority, including their legal status and birthrights.