

Delegation of Albania to the Third Committee

Explanation of position on the resolution on HRS in Myanmar

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

My delegation has joined the consensus on this important resolution and welcomes the spirit in which the negotiations on the text were conducted.

We welcome the progress made by Myanmar during the transition and ongoing reform process that has been taking place steadily since 2011.

These efforts still need strong international support. In this context we welcome the recent visit to the country by a delegation consisting of the OIC Secretary General, Ministers of Foreign Affairs and high-level representatives of the OIC Member States, from 14-17 November 2013. We also welcome the joint communiqué between the Central Committee for Implementation of Stability and Development in the Rakhine State and the OIC.

Last year we really hoped that conditions would permit that resolution would also be last such text considered by the Third Committee on the Situation in Myanmar.

We believe this was possible; if the Government along with the assurances would have also stepped-up vigorously, in particular in respecting assurances as regards the situation of the Rohingya minority in the Rakhine State.

In view also of the reports of the Special Rapporteur and the Special Envoy, we remain concerned on the human rights situation of the Rohingya minority.

We are of the view that without addressing the root causes of discrimination based on ethnicity and religion; in particular towards the Rohingya community and other ethnic and religious groups in Myanmar, the democratization process will not be credible.

We call on the Government to work with the international community in fully implementing the resolution just adopted by consensus, without politicization. Any implied reservation on parts of it, would make our common efforts ineffective.

I thank you.