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STATEMENT

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ON THE

SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN MYANMAR

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**Statement by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC on the follow-up to Resolution S-5/1 entitled Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar, 11 December 2007**

Mr. President,

I have the honour to make this statement on behalf of the Member States of the OIC.

We thank Paulo Sergio Pineheiro, the Special Rapporteur for his report. Mr. Pineheiro has said that by allowing the Special Rapporteur to conduct an official visit, the Government has re-engaged in a dialogue with the UN human rights mechanisms and allowed an inquiry into the events of September and October 2006. The OIC welcomes this dialogue.

The OIC appreciates the efforts made by Myanmar to engage with the Secretary-General's Special Envoy, Mr. Ibrahim Gambari and the Special Rapporteur Mr. Pineheiro.

The OIC is of the view that:

- i. The Government of Myanmar has taken some steps for starting a national dialogue with all parties with a view to achieving genuine national reconciliation, democratization and the establishment of the rule of law. These include meetings of the Minister of Relations with Ms. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and release of over 8,585 detainees.
- ii. Myanmar has demonstrated willingness to engage with the UN and UN human rights mechanism.
- iii. Working with the Government and people of Myanmar will help ameliorate the human rights situation.
- iv. The work of the Secretary General's Special Envoy and the Special Rapporteur, over the past few months, has received a positive response from the Government of Myanmar. These two mechanisms should continue their work. The OIC, therefore, is of the view that there is no need for an International Commission of Enquiry to Myanmar. Surely we do not want to further politicize the matter but to work for the interests of the people and Government of Myanmar.

At the Fifth Special Session, the OIC had indicated the need to demonstrate constructive engagement with Myanmar for the promotion and protection of the human rights. Also, that no punitive sanctions; but an invitation to a government and people to engage with the international community was required. In this regard, we reiterate the following objectives:

1. seek non-violent solutions to the current crisis in Myanmar;
2. avoid any step that would imperil the integrity of the country;
3. call for greater respect for human rights and aspirations of the people of Myanmar and take steps to alleviate their suffering.

The OIC supports efforts to ensure stability and harmony in Myanmar. These efforts require sensitivity to the delicate ethnic balance in the country as well as to assuring the promotion and protection of rights holders. Thank You, Mr. President.