

Statement by Pakistan, on behalf of the OIC on report of the Special Rapporteur on the
Situation of human rights in Myanmar, Geneva, 13 March 2008

Mr. President.

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

We thank Mr. Paulo Sergio Pineheiro, the Special Rapporteur for his report. Mr. Pineheiro in his recommendation has rightly pointed out that a constructive and continuous dialogue with the Government of Myanmar will contribute to a new dynamic for the improvement of the situation of human rights in the country. We appreciate his constructive approach and ~~looks forward to a~~ *which will make a difference in the* ~~for a dialogue~~ *of* between the Government of Myanmar and the Human Rights Council including its mechanisms. *which will make a difference in the*

We also welcome the Special Rapporteur's forthright statement about delinking the humanitarian assistance from politicization.

The OIC also welcomes the ongoing dialogue process between the UN special procedures and the Government of Myanmar. Visits of Secretary-General's Special Envoy, Mr. Ibrahim Gambari and that of Mr. Pineheiro to Myanmar, in the aftermath of the Fifth Special Session, as well as his acknowledgment of the receipt of responses from the Government, concerning a number of detainees are positive indicators. We appreciate the ongoing constructive engagement of the Government of Myanmar and urge them to continue their active cooperation with the Human Rights Council and its mandates.

The OIC supports efforts to ensure stability and harmony in Myanmar, with due consideration to the delicate ethnic balance in the country as well as to assuring the promotion and protection of *human* rights holders.

The OIC reiterates its call made during the Fifth Special Session, which emphasized the need to constructively engage Myanmar for the real promotion and protection of the human rights. We strongly urge the international community to:

1. seek a *peaceful* ~~non-violent~~ solution;
2. avoid any step that would imperil the integrity of the country; and
3. respect human rights and aspirations of the people of Myanmar and take steps to alleviate their suffering.

Thank You, Mr. President.
