

Statement of Estonia

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at the

Virtual Donor Conference on Sustaining Support for the Rohingya Refugee Response

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Thank you to the co-hosts of today's conference. It is essential that the global community continues to show commitment to the plight of Rohingya Refugees.

Estonia values highly the efforts made by Bangladesh and other countries in hosting the Rohingya refugees, especially as the conditions for coping with this humanitarian crisis have become even more challenging during the global pandemic. Estonia commends the UNHCR's tireless work in protecting the forcibly displaced population in the Cox Bazaar as well as other places inside and outside of Myanmar.

In order to share the burden of the long-term humanitarian crises of hosting the refugees, Estonia will contribute 50 000 Euros through the UNHCR.

At the same time, the global community needs to work together in order to ensure the safe, voluntary and dignified return of Rohingya refugees to their homes in Myanmar. We remain deeply concerned about the continuous reports of human rights violations in Myanmar, including in the Rakhine state.

In closing, we strongly support strengthening of the linkages and synergies of the international community in order to find a sustainable solution for

the Rohingya refugees. At these precarious times, we need to defend human rights and freedoms even more vigorously and work together in this regard.