

Conference on Sustaining Support for the Rohingya Refugee Response

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Statement by H.E. Mr. Jean Asselborn, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Dear colleagues,

I agree with you: **we need sustained and determined action** to support the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and the region, as well as the Rohingya in Myanmar. The COVID-19 pandemic makes our action all the more urgent.

Luxembourg has shown solidarity with the Rohingya since the beginning of the crisis in 2017, working closely with our multilateral partners, including UNHCR.

This crisis cannot be solved without putting an end to the culture of impunity, which still prevails in Myanmar. We must continue to urge the Myanmar authorities to implement the order of the International Court of Justice indicating provisional measures to protect the rights of the Rohingya.

Luxembourg's humanitarian assistance to the Rohingya for 2020 includes the following three elements:

- First, we support NGOs providing emergency assistance, access to education and access to health services to Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar.
- Second, we support the World Food Programme Rohingya Refugee Response in Bangladesh.

- Third, we support the work of the International Committee of the Red Cross and UN OCHA's Myanmar Humanitarian Fund, providing vital humanitarian assistance to the Rohingya in Myanmar.

In total, Luxembourg's support will amount this year to **1.17 million euros or close to 1.4 million US dollars.**

We commit to maintaining the same level of support for 2021. Luxembourg will continue to stand by the Rohingya, alongside our international partners.

Thank you.