

**Intervention by the Delegation of Bangladesh  
at the Closing Plenary of ASEP10  
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Intervention by Ms. Fazilatun Nasa Bappy, MP

Thank you, Honourable Chair, for giving me the floor.

On the issue of paragraph 49, we understand it has been agreed by the Drafting Committee as originally proposed in the draft version of the declaration. As my delegation mentioned in the discussions of the Drafting Committee yesterday, we have agreed to the original draft for bringing about consensus. We strongly believe that the language on the Rohingyas in the ASEP10 Declaration is not strong enough, and leaves several important elements out. In this context, it may be noted that the atrocities against the Rohingyas, including genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity were specifically flagged in the report submitted to the Human Rights Council by the UN Fact Finding Mission. The text leaves out the most important issue for the Rohingyas: safe, sustainable and dignified return and repatriation of the Rohingyas to their homeland in the Rakhine State of Myanmar. This will be possible when citizenships of the Rohingyas will be reinstated with full rights and responsibilities.

Bangladesh calls upon the Members of ASEM and the international community to support the cause of the Rohingyas, and to put pressure on Myanmar for safe repatriation, rehabilitation and reintegration of the Rohingyas in Rakhine State. It also calls upon Myanmar to create safe environment in the Rakhine State to facilitate such repatriation of forcibly displaced Rohingya people from Bangladesh.

We would also like to stress on the issue of Rohingya crisis here, because the declaration of ASEP10 will be considered in the ASEM Summit, and Bangladesh delegation would like to record its position on this humanitarian crisis of the Rohingyas.

As I mentioned earlier, Honourable Chair, my delegation accepts this paragraph, as proposed originally, for the sake of consensus.

I thank you, Honourable Chair.