

Statement by Adama Dieng, United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide following OHCHR's report on the situation in northern Rakhine State, Myanmar

(New York, 6 February 2017) The United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Adama Dieng, stated that he was shocked and alarmed to read the accounts of serious human rights violations being committed against Muslims in northern Rakhine State by Myanmar's security forces, as set out in the report published on 6 February by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCR) in accordance with the mandate of the report, human rights violations committed by the security forces include mass rape, extrajudicial killings of babies and young children, brutal beatings and disappearances. These attacks have taken place in the context of an escalation of violence in

the precursor of other egregious international crises! The current government has a responsibility to protect its populations against these atrocious and punishable acts:

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