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Reconciliation is critical for resolution of Rohingya crisis—Ambassador Masud Bin Momen at the UN Security Council

New York, 19 November 2019:

‘We believe reconciliation can be a critical enabler for resolving the Rohingya humanitarian crisis the brunt of which we are bearing’ -Masud Bin Momen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations said this at a Security Council Open Debate on “The Role of Reconciliation in Maintaining International Peace & Security” held today at the UNHQs.

In this context, Ambassador Momen recalled Bangladesh’s successful experience of reconciliation in the Chittagong Hills Tracts in 1997 under the astute leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He also mentioned Bangladesh’s contribution, through peacekeeping, to national and local reconciliation strategies in countries emerging from conflict.

Ambassador Momen emphasized on the necessity of a robust enabling environment in Rakhine underpinned by dialogue between the Rohingyas, rest of Myanmar society and Myanmar authorities. Referring to various successful models of reconciliation, he urged Myanmar to adopt clearly defined reconciliation strategies through a whole-of-society approach and by ensuring transparency and objectivity in the reconciliation process. He called upon Myanmar to promote active participation of women and young people and ensure accountability and justice for serious violations of human international humanitarian law and human rights law.

The Permanent Representative also urged the Security Council to promote sustainable peace in Myanmar’s Rakhine State through reconciliation and reintegration of Rohingya community with Myanmar society. Security Council has to encourage Myanmar to address core grievances and ensure unhindered and safe passage of relevant humanitarian personnel and supplies to the Rakhine, he added.

The Open Debate was held under the Presidency of United Kingdom. The Secretary-General also spoke on the occasion stating that “no reconciliation without justice” will work.
