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**Subject: Response by Myanmar Embassy in London to the BBC World News Program entitled "Rohingya Muslims hated and hounded from Burmese soil"**

We are writing in response to the BBC World News TV program entitled "Rohingya Muslims hated and hounded from Burmese soil" broadcasted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016.

In this regard, we received your email, informing about the above mentioned program several hours before it was broadcasted. Once we received your email, we responded the true information and actual situations in Rakhine State with reliable documents. Moreover, since the Myanmar government has allowed the BBC to open a branch office in Myanmar, reporters can have the opportunity to obtain information from the Press Conferences held by the Myanmar authorities on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 17<sup>th</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup> November respectively, explaining and giving the authentic information on the true situations.

We are very disappointed because it was found that the said program has been based on rumours, hearsays and one sided views which are far from the actual true situation. Furthermore, the program does not reflect the ground situations mentioned in our documents that we sent yesterday. We also strongly disagree with this news program which contained allegations that are false and distorted information.

Therefore it would be highly appreciated if the BBC World Service acts responsibly and ethically in order not to further destabilise the situation. We are looking forward to seeing the BBC's neutral broadcasting based on the authentic information and equivalent considerations in the future.

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