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Rohingya Action Ireland Welcomes Gambia's Brave and Courageous Move

Rohingya Action Ireland welcomes Gambia's brave and courageous move in filing a case against Myanmar at the International Court of Justice.

Rohingya Action Ireland shares Gambia's outrage at the lack of accountability hitherto for the genocidal acts perpetrated by the Myanmar military and security forces against the Rohingya ethnic minority.

The military campaign has consisted of a systematic and widespread extermination through mass killings, extensive and continuing destruction and burning of Rohingya homes and villages including rampant and endemic sexual violence.

We are deeply concerned that rape has been a central component of the genocidal campaign. It has been well documented and evidenced that Rohingya women and girls have suffered unspeakable sexual violence.

Rohingya Action Ireland believes that the mass rapes of Rohingya women and girls is being used as a weapon of war. These acts fit within the definition of the crime of genocide under the 1948 Genocide Convention.

Rohingya Action Ireland further calls on the government of Ireland to support the Gambia in their case at the ICJ. Failure to respond and support Gambia would be a breach of a shared obligation to call to account the perpetrators of a genocidal campaign against the Rohingya, the victims of rape and sexual violence in particular. Ireland cannot be neutral in the case of genocide.

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Rohingya Action Ireland is a local organisation founded within the framework of community development principles to highlight and explore cultural, social and political opportunities to advance the human rights of the Rohingya, to ensure that the Rohingya voice and experience of all genders stays prominent and remain at the forefront of any campaigning, to establish stronger links with civil society organisations working together in solidarity, and to adhere the principles of community development of collaboration, empowerment, social justice, gender equality, community self-determination, participation and inclusiveness.

