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In accordance with the bilateral agreements between the Governments of Myanmar and Bangladesh, the repatriation process of displaced persons from Rakhine State is to be implemented in the near future with the support of the international community. As such, with the aim to create better and correct understanding of the process, some factual information on the National Verification Card (NVC) is provided as follow;

- The issuance of the NVC is temporary and meant for the benefit of the holder in time of citizenship verification in accordance with the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law.
- With a NVC, the holder will be able to identify himself as a resident in Myanmar.
- In this bilaterally-agreed repatriation process, the holder of a National Identity Card (or) National Registration Card will not need to go through the NVC process and in case he has lost the card, he can apply for a true copy of that National Identity Card (or) National Registration Card.
- The Myanmar's first national census was undertaken in 1871. Between the period of 1881 and 1941, the national census was taken every ten years. Later on, the similar processes were conducted in the years of 1973, 1983 and 2014 respectively. In those censuses, there has been no record on 'Rohingya' as an ethnicity.
- As the NVC does not contain any description of ethnicity/religion, there is no discrimination as such against any NVC holder.
- A NVC holder with a border pass is generally allowed to cross the Myanmar-Bangladesh border through an official border point.

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