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Honourable Chairman Shahidullah,

We are deeply concerned about the decision by Cox's Bazar International University to prevent Rohima Akter Khushi, from pursuing her education solely because she is a Rohingya refugee. Born and schooled in Bangladesh, Rohima Akter Khushi was in her second semester of studying law.

She is one of the very few women from her community who has braved all odds to pursue education. Education is a universal right regardless of status. Denying her education on the basis of her identity is an affront to the commitments Bangladesh has made under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

We urge the Bangladesh government to:

1. Immediately end the suspension, and allow Rohima Akter Khushi to complete her higher education
2. Work with the international community to provide all children, including Rohingya refugees, access to accredited primary and secondary education in Cox's Bazar
3. Respect and promote academic freedom and the right to education for all as enshrined in the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights

Yours sincerely,