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Sub: Stop using polythene shopping bag and other polythene materials in Rohingya camps.

In reference to the above mentioned subject, the undersigned is directed to inform you that a huge amount of polythene shopping bag is being used for various purposes in Rohingya camps. It may be mentioned here that according to section 6 (ka) of the Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act, 1995, the production, marketing, sale and use of polythene shopping bag and polythene made items are prohibited. This type of bags are non-degradable and serious threat to the environment. These bags reduce fertility of the soil and hamper the cultivation along with the disruption of the water flow. Consequently, this would have a negative impact on environment at the camp area even after the repatriation of the Rohingyas.

Therefore, you and your partners are requested to gradually stop the use of polythene shopping bag and other polythene items in Rohingya camps from the next month. You are also requested to use paper-made bag and jute bag in the same purpose.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Handwritten signature and date: 19/05/2022

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