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Mr. President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar for her oral update and once again call upon Myanmar to cooperate not only with the Special Rapporteur but also with the Fact Finding Mission. We reiterate the need to grant them unconditional access without delay.

The protracted human rights crisis in Myanmar remains of grave concern to us. In order to ensure a peaceful and lasting solution, we must address the root causes of this crisis, in particular discriminatory restrictions in law, policy and practice. The current crisis in Rakhine State is underpinned by decades of systematic discrimination against minorities. Today's discussion puts again a spotlight on the grave crimes that led to the forcible displacement of the Rohingya. Despite serious and systematic access restrictions many of these atrocities are well documented. Perpetrators and those responsible must be held to account. Given that the efforts undertaken by the Myanmar authorities are so far a clear indication of unwillingness to ensure accountability, the international community has an obligation to pursue other accountability options.

We commend the action undertaken by the ICC Prosecutor to assert jurisdiction over the crime of forced deportation. But we also continue to believe that the Security Council should use its competence to refer the situation – and thus all crimes committed in the conflict – to the Court.

If a concerted effort in the Security Council was to fail, we would favour considering alternative options, including the "Accountability Mechanism" outlined just now by the Special Rapporteur!

I thank you!