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Thank you, Mr. President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for his valuable work as well as the presentation of his sobering report.

It has been over two years since the military coup in Myanmar, and the human rights situation in the country is only worsening. We are concerned about the reports that the military increases its use of airstrikes thereby indiscriminately bombing villages and IDP camps. We strongly condemn all attacks on civilians, including extrajudicial killings, torture, sexual violence, and other human rights violations, many of which can amount to crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Moreover, we are concerned by the deteriorating humanitarian situation within Myanmar and also for refugees that have fled Myanmar, particularly the Rohingya community.

Mr. Special Rapporteur,

We welcome your recommendations, in particular your call to impose a comprehensive arms embargo and to refer the situation in Myanmar to the International Criminal Court. We have heard your call on Member States to take specific measures to help achieving these aims.

I thank you.