



STÄNDIGE MISSION
DES FÜRSTENTUMS LIECHTENSTEIN

MISSION PERMANENTE
DE LA PRINCIPAUTÉ DE LIECHTENSTEIN

PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN

Check against delivery

Statement at the 49th Session of the Human Rights Council

Agenda item 4 – Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Myanmar

21 March 2022

H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mr. President,

Liechtenstein would like to thank the Special Rapporteur for his report.

The illegal military coup one year ago has driven Myanmar into an escalation of violence between the military leadership and the people of Myanmar. At least 1,600 civilians have lost their lives in the past year due to the military's violent attacks, and some of them have been killed in the most brutal ways, such as being burnt alive.

We strongly condemn the crackdown on the rights of freedom of expression, assembly, and movement which have led to more than 10,000 detainees. It is regrettable to see that

half of the population has fallen into poverty and 13 million people are facing food insecurity.

One of the underlying problems is the structural impunity for the most serious crimes under international law. Accountability is an important element to achieve justice for the people in Myanmar, including for the ethnic, racial and religious minorities.

We therefore strongly support the work by several international justice mechanisms such as the International Criminal Court, the International Court of Justice and the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar. We also call on the Security Council to take concrete actions to address the crisis.

I thank you, Mr. President.