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Mr. President,

I have the honor and pleasure to introduce draft resolution L.85/Rev.1, submitted on behalf of the members of the core group, the further cosponsors listed in the document, as well as Angola, Australia, Japan, Mexico and New Zealand who have joined since. The total number of cosponsors thus currently stands at 58.

Mr. President,

When this Assembly listened to the briefing by the Special Envoy on the situation in Myanmar on 26 February, Member States conveyed their grave concern over the developments in Myanmar: the reversal of Myanmar’s democratic transition, the violence against peaceful protesters, and the stifling of political dissent. Since then, the situation has continued to deteriorate. Hundreds of protestors have been killed and hundreds of thousands have been displaced by the military crackdown – creating a humanitarian catastrophe unfolding right before our eyes. The military has not heeded the many calls to exercise restraint, cease violence, release all those detained

arbitrarily and stand down, allowing for democracy to be restored in Myanmar. There is a real and present danger of a full-fledged civil war.

Mr. President,

In late February, many of us highlighted the need to remain seized of the situation in Myanmar, and to act in light of the situation on the ground. After a very lengthy process of consultations, we have the honor to present today, on behalf of the cosponsors, the draft resolution before you. The resolution supports, complements and strengthens the efforts of ASEAN to bring Myanmar back on its pathway to democracy. It supports the role of the UN Special Envoy on Myanmar and calls for full cooperation with her by the Myanmar armed forces. It condemns the use of lethal force and violence by the Myanmar armed forces, calling on them to reverse course, and reaffirms the Assembly's support for the people of Myanmar. The resolution further highlights the need for accountability for the grave crimes committed against the people of Myanmar, in particular the Rohingya, under scrutiny by various international justice mechanisms and stresses the principle of command responsibility in connection with the ongoing attacks on the civilian population. It also calls on all member States to prevent the flow of arms into Myanmar. The resolution issues a clear call for an inclusive and peaceful dialogue between all parties, in accordance with the will of the people of Myanmar, supporting and complementing the pronouncements from the Security Council and adding its voice to the most recent resolution of the Human Rights Council.

Mr. President,

This resolution is the result of intensive negotiation with a wide range of partners, in particular member States of ASEAN who have taken the initiative to address the crisis with the five-point consensus adopted at the ASEAN Leaders' Meeting on 24 April. The close consultations with

ASEAN States, with whom we share the wish for an adoption of this General Assembly resolution without a vote, have resulted in the revised version of the text before the Assembly. We wish to thank our ASEAN partners for the fruitful and constructive exchanges which have enabled us to put forward the present text.

Mr. President,

The people of Myanmar deserve the full and unreserved support of the General Assembly in their struggle for a peaceful and democratic future. L.85/Rev.1 aims at strengthening the efforts of ASEAN and the United Nations to that end. We look forward to its adoption today. We regret that this resolution has been called to a vote, against the expressed will of ASEAN States and the co-sponsors. At the same time, we look forward to the strong expression of support by the General Assembly for the people of Myanmar today in this hall.

I thank you.