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H.E. Ambassador Frank Büchel

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

We thank the head of the Independent Investigative Mechanism on Myanmar for the presentation of the report.

Liechtenstein is alarmed by the escalation of the conflict and the reports of more frequent and brutal crimes committed across the country by various actors, in particular the Myanmar security forces.

The intensification of the conflict as well as the increase of crimes committed, including the indiscriminate or intentional artillery and aerial attacks against civilians or civilian objects, the killings of civilians or fighters detained during operations, the intentional burning of civilian dwellings and other civilian buildings, as well as sexual and gender-based violence against civilians, complicate the already challenging task of the Mechanism even further.

In light of these challenges, it is of utmost importance that the Mechanism is provided with adequate support, capacity and resources, including the cooperation of States in direct access to victims, in order to effectively fulfill its mandate.

It is unacceptable that, so far, none of the responsible perpetrators have been held to account for the numerous war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Myanmar, in particular against the Rohingya minority. We remain committed to support proceedings aiming at changing that fact, including at the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court.

The work of the Mechanism is essential to achieve justice and accountability. I thank you.