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Interactive Dialogue on the High Commissioner's report on Myanmar

Oral Statement

By

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Thank you Mr. President,

The Centre for Civil and Political Rights appreciates the High Commissioner's report and her efforts to find a solution to the situation for the people in Myanmar.

As highlighted in her report, the Tatmadaw has been committing gross human rights violations with impunity, attacking and killing civilians, depriving them of their rights, lives and livelihoods, and engaging in acts that may amount to crimes against humanity and war crimes. Amid the "downward spiral of violence" pushed by the junta, its affiliates and other armed groups, including those fighting against the Tatmadaw, hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced and more than 14 million are in dire need of humanitarian assistance, which the Tatmadaw is deliberately blocking.

It is evident from its actions, historically and since the coup, that the Tatmadaw does not have any intention, or capacity, to uphold the rule of law or restore peace and democracy.

As international and regional efforts have so far fallen on the deaf ears of the junta, stronger actions are required from international and regional bodies to save the lives of the millions of people in Myanmar and to hold the Tatmadaw accountable.

The impunity, which the Tatmadaw has been enjoying for decades, must end.

Recommendations made by the High Commissioner must be implemented immediately.

Madame High Commissioner,

As various actors are involved at different levels to address the situation, what measures are taken for the coordination of their work?

Moreover, as Myanmar is a Party to several UN Human Rights Treaties, are there any measures taken or planned to effectively engage the Treaty Bodies in the effort to seek accountability and find long-lasting solutions for the people of Myanmar?

Thank you Mr. President.