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Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

Oral Statement

By

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Thank you Mr. President,

The Centre for Civil and Political Rights commends the work of the Special Rapporteur and greatly appreciates his report.

As highlighted by the Special Rapporteur, tremendous efforts have been made by so many actors inside and outside of the country, especially the people of Myanmar, to restore the rule of law, human rights and peace in the country.

However, the Tatmadaw continues to commit atrocities towards its own citizens with impunity, blatantly ignoring and violating international laws. The judiciary, the law enforcement and entire domestic legal system have been turned into an extended arm of the junta to persecute opponents. Citizenship of prominent opposition figures are revoked.

As the Tatmadaw intensifies attacks against civilians and spiral of violence is escalating on the ground, it is highly deplorable that several nations are still selling or authorising the transfer of weapons to the junta.

It is clear that the Tatmadaw does not have any intention to engage in dialogue, rather will continue to pursue control through violence and coercion.

Decisive actions are required more than ever from the international community, to hold the Tatmadaw accountable for its actions.

Mr. Special Rapporteur,

Do you have any recommendations to other Special Procedure mandates and Treaty Bodies for their engagement and contribution in the process, including through a joint action with your mandate?

What do you recommend to the civil society and other stakeholders, including ASEAN and its Special Envoy, to reinforce the work of each other and find a long-lasting solution for the people of Myanmar?

Thank you Mr. President.