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Agenda Item 2:

Interactive Dialogue on the High Commissioner's oral update 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 oral update and her efforts address the crisis in Myanmar.

The Tatmadaw has been continuing to commit atrocities and use brutal tactics against the people of Myanmar, denying their fundamental rights and oppressing their lives including deliberate blocking of the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the people in need.

It is highly deplorable that, over a year since the Five Point Consensus was agreed by the ASEAN and the Tatmadaw, virtually no progress or any genuine effort was made by the junta to implement them.

According to the Humanitarian Update No.18 published by OCHA on 31 May 2022, almost 700,000 people have been displaced and estimated 12,000 civilian properties are burnt or destroyed since the illegal military coup in February 2021.

The situation has been exacerbated by the escalation in the fighting between the junta and the opposing groups. Civilian death tolls are increasing day by day. With the restrictions imposed on the internet and other communication channels by the junta, the reality on the ground is much worse than any available statistics show.

As highlighted in our written statement, Tatmadaw has also turned the judiciary and entire legal system in Myanmar into its extended arm to persecute opponents. The recent rejection of the appeals of four individuals against their death sentence and the SAC's plan to proceed with their execution is another example.

Madame High Commissioner,

What actions do you recommend to this Council to put an end to the continuing atrocity and violation of international human rights and humanitarian law by the Myanmar military?

What measures are required from all of us, to strengthen the ability of the Security Council to prevent and address such conflict situation?

What kind of role Treaty Bodies can play in addressing impunity, advancing accountability and bringing back peace, the rule of law and human rights to the people of Myanmar?

Thank you Mr. President.