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Agenda Item 4:

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

Oral Statement

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Thank you Mr. President,

The Centre for Civil and Political Rights appreciates Special Rapporteur's efforts including his recent report on the situation of children in Myanmar, his visit to Malaysia and his oral update here today.

The Tatmadaw has created multi-dimensional catastrophe in Myanmar, blatantly committing grave violation of international human rights and humanitarian law, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Considering attempts of the junta to limit flow and access to information for its own sake, such as arbitrary and illegitimate restrictions imposed on the internet and other communication channels, the reality on the ground is much worse than any available statistics show.

There is no fair trial or due process as entire justice system in the country are rendered into extended arm of the Tatmadaw to persecute and now even execute those raising voices against the military oppression, whereby also strengthening the immunity the military has been enjoying for decades.

Mr. Special Rapporteur,

In order to stop the violence and save the lives and future of all people in Myanmar, including safe and voluntary return of Rohingya refugees, what are the actions this Council should and can take now?

How can we effectively assist the long-term struggle of the people of Myanmar to realise sustainable peace and democratic society, where rights and freedoms of everyone is protected in accordance with international human rights law?

How can we strengthen the implementation of the UN Human Rights Treaties in the county, including the ICCPR which Myanmar should ratify as soon as possible? In this context, what role can UN Treaty Bodies play in collaboration with your mandate and other relevant UN bodies?

Thank you Mr. President.