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Agenda Item 2:

Interactive Dialogue on the reports of the High Commissioner on Myanmar

Oral Statement by

Centre for Civil and Political Rights (CCPR Centre)

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Thank you Mr. President,

The Centre for Civil and Political Rights welcomes the reports of the High Commissioner, his analysis and recommendations.

As pointed out in his reports as well as in our written statement, the situation in the country has been deteriorating in every aspect. Mounting evidence shows that the Tatmadaw has been committing gross violations of human rights, crimes against humanity and war crimes. However, due to the lack of decisive and effective action, the international community is still letting them enjoy almost a total impunity. It is highly concerning that certain countries and companies even continue trading with the Myanmar military and its affiliates. The entire justice system is turned into a tool by the Tatmadaw to persecute opponents and the lawlessness in the society is increasing.

More comprehensive regional and international responses are required to address national and regional humanitarian emergency, the dire situation faced by Rohingyas in Myanmar as well as those who are internally displaced and fled the country, living in refugee camps or undertaking perilous sea voyages risking their lives. Safe and voluntary return of Rohingyas will not be feasible, without a society where their rights are effectively and fully protected and respected.

The situation requires immediate actions from the international community. High Commissioner's recommendations must be swiftly implemented by all parties including NUG. Responses from States, regional and international bodies must be strengthened and coordinated. Countries who so far remained silent have to be encouraged to speak up as their silence is not neutral but indifference. Corporate responsibility needs to be more clearly and strongly addressed concerning business actors, including State owned or affiliated companies, who are directly or indirectly supplying the Tatmadaw with weapons, revenues and resources.

Mr. High Commissioner,

What can you do to enhance implementation of your recommendations listed in your report by all parties? What role can you play to strengthen the coordinated actions among different actors involved? What else should be done so that this Council can fulfil its responsibility to be the very vehicle to hold the Tatmadaw accountable, save the rights and lives of the people in Myanmar, realise safe and voluntary return of the Rohingyas, and assist the people of Myanmar to build a society where rights and freedoms of everyone is equally protected in accordance with international human rights law?

Thank you Mr. President.