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**Interactive Dialogue on the report of
the High Commissioner on human rights situation in 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 report of the High Commissioner, its findings and recommendations.

The report is yet another evidence provided before this Council and to the international community of the brutality of Myanmar military, human rights violations and crimes committed by it against civilians, including systematic abuses, discrimination and persecution of Rohingyas. As stated there, it also confirms *“the catastrophic human rights impact that military actions have had on the civilian population and the increasing brutality with which the military has carried them out.”*

Regrettably, despite those evidences, there are still a number of countries that remain silent and inactive, including those currently sitting here as Members of this very Council. Furthermore, with the presence of some actors even providing it with weapons, resources and revenues, the junta is able to continue and intensify its atrocity and crimes with total impunity, instrumentalising domestic justice system and humanitarian aid and completely ignoring calls from this Council, Security Council and ASEAN. Civilians are trapped in-between the escalating violence from both sides, collapsing rule of law, devastating economy and natural disasters. Thousands have been killed, 1.6 million forcibly displaced.

However, accountability is yet to be achieved.

As High Commissioner’s stresses in his report, *“decisive and concrete actions at the international and regional levels are more urgent than ever”* and, as the junta does not have any intention or capacity to do so, the *“responsibility of protecting civilians and restoring conditions of life conducive to peace and stability remains with the wider international community.”*

Mr. High Commissioner,

How many reports do we need, how many people have to die before such decisive actions are taken by the international community?

What should and can this Council do to enhance accountability process, implementation of your recommendations and save the people of Myanmar?

Thank you Mr. President.