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Agenda Item 2:

**Interactive Dialogue on the report of
the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM)**

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 Mechanism. The Centre also commends the Mechanism for carrying out its task, despite the highly challenging circumstances, by adopting innovations, utilising advanced technologies and collaborating with various actors including civil society organisations.

We also welcome the progress made by the Mechanism in enhancing the accountability on crimes committed against Rohingyas, in particular by sharing information with ICC, ICJ and the Federal Prosecutor's Office No.9 in Argentina.

We strongly believe that the work of the Mechanism can contribute to achieve accountability for crimes committed since the illegal military coup in February 2021, including crimes against humanity and war crimes committed by the Myanmar military and its affiliates.

The situation in Myanmar is deteriorating, armed conflict and violence intensifying, people are suffering, while the Myanmar military continue to enjoy the impunity and blatantly commit serious violations of international human rights and humanitarian law. Unfortunately, progress in ensuring accountability in this regard is limited.

Results of the work of the Mechanism including its analysis and investigation, if any material can be published possibly in a form of thematic reports or briefing papers in addition to the Mechanism's reporting on its activities, can certainly strengthen the international response to the crisis in Myanmar not only to ensure accountability, but also to more comprehensive address human rights violations on the ground including provision of targeted assistance to vulnerable groups and effective remedies to the victims.

Mr. Koumjian,

Which bodies can and should play a role, based on the information the Mechanisms can provide, to enhance accountability process especially concerning the crimes committed since the illegal coup?

What can you recommend to the Council to effectively build on the results of the work of the Mechanism, including the information and evidence it collected, analysed and investigated, to seek solutions to the crisis, to save the lives and protect the rights of the people of Myanmar including Rohingyas and the realisation of safe, dignified, voluntary and sustainable return of all forcibly displaced persons within and outside Myanmar?

Thank you Mr. President.