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**Interactive Dialogue on the report
of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar**

Oral Statement by

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The Centre for Civil and Political Rights appreciates the work of the High Commissioner and his office on Myanmar and welcomes his report.

As highlighted in detail in the report, the military is continuing atrocity and grave violation of human rights with impunity, destroying people's lives in all aspects, and bringing Myanmar into ever worsening crisis. Resolutions and calls from international body including this Council, the General Assembly as well as ASEAN 5 PC are blatantly ignored.

The junta has no intention or ability to forge peace or uphold democracy. The economy is in a disastrous condition. The rule of law has completely collapsed and absent. Already catastrophic humanitarian situation is further exacerbated by arbitrary blocking of aid delivery as well as extreme weather condition and natural disasters.

Domestic justice system is not only corrupt, dysfunctional and failing to protect rights of individuals but also instrumentalised by the junta to oppress and persecute its opponents and innocent civilians. Torture, sexual violence, and deaths in custody are rampant, while people are detained in horrific conditions and denied the access to family members, lawyers, and essential medical treatment.

Amid the escalating conflict and the absence of the rule of law, grave violation of international human rights and humanitarian law are committed in different parts of the country, in many cases by the military and its affiliates, but also by other actors involved in the conflict.

The role of international community is ever more important to end the culture of impunity and save millions of people in Myanmar. Access to the ground must be urgently secured for all relevant actors for effective provision of humanitarian aid, independent investigation as well as for visits and monitoring places.

Mr. High Commissioner,

Amid the multidimensional and -sectoral crisis in Myanmar, civil society, community-based organisations, HRDs including the defence lawyers, are playing crucial role in documenting situation, providing essential services, assisting victims, and providing information to international actors. However, they also require more resources, capacity building and assistance as well as protection.

What can and should the international community do, including this Council and individual States, to protect and support such actors on the ground?