

Data Collection and Analysis Methodology

The following methodology was developed and used to collect and analyse data from statements made by countries at the Human Rights Council in an objective and comprehensive way, as they vary in length, language and structure. With the explanation below, users would be able to verify the analysis and interpret the outcome products more accurately.

Condemnation and Concern (Map)

We use a simple assignment of categories as specified below. Numbers are assigned to facilitate categorization of countries, not as a grading system of strength or positions. The assignments are done with respect to entire statements, not quotes or keywords, e.g. where countries have expressed both specific concerns and condemnations, we categorise them under 'Specific Condemnations'; where countries start their statements with general concerns and then move onto specific ones, we categorise them under 'Specific Concerns'. Countries' final scores used for mapping is a simple sum of all statements they issued as member states, excluding regional blocs.

This method demonstrates both frequency and content of statements, and therefore implicitly takes into account the absent voices at the council. List of silent countries can be found [here](#). Countries deliver statements in different styles. Some countries tend to merely present their own “achievements” instead of explicitly expressing condemnations or concerns, or calling for actions. Such statements are categorised as ‘Absence of Condemnation or Concern (-1)’.

Condemnation and Concern (Map)		
Category (Code)	Description	Examples
Specific Condemnation (+3)	Statements that specifically condemn Myanmar military and/or its actions / stress on the accountability of the military for grave violation of international human rights and humanitarian laws, including acts / events before the coup ('who' and 'what')	Canada, 46th RS, ID SR; Malawi, 47th RS, ID SR
Specific Concern (+2)	Statements that specifically express concerns over violation of international human rights and humanitarian law committed by the Myanmar military, including acts / events before the coup ('who' and 'what')	New Zealand, 47th RS, ID SR; Singapore, 47th RS, ID SR
General Concern or Condemnation (+1)	Statements that express concern over the general human rights situation in Myanmar and/or condemn violation of human rights / humanitarian law etc., without specifying Myanmar military and its accountability (only 'what' / neither 'what' or 'who')	Argentina, 29th SS; Lao PDR, 49th RS, ID HC; Mauritania, 49th RS, ID

		HC;
Absence of condemnation or concern (-1)	Statements that have not expressed any concern or condemnations in their statements	Cambodia, 49th RS, ID HC
Blocking Interventions (-2)	Statements that oppose sanctions and country specific UN mandates or attempt to block international interventions by e.g. using concepts of sovereignty, territorial integrity or non-interference in their statements	Philippines, 29th SS; China, 49th RS, ID HC; Belarus, 50 RS, ID SR; Iran, 50 RS, PD R; Venezuela, 50 RS, PD R
Supporting Military (-3)	Statements that legitimise Myanmar military's human rights violations and / or undermine human-rights-related accountability processes	Russian Federation, 46th RS, ID SR; Venezuela, 46th RS, ID SR

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Condemnation and Concern (Issues raised)

Key common issues were identified inductively. Under situations where countries have addressed thematic issues on the list without specifically using the words similar to 'condemnation' or 'concern', we still counted them towards the respective themes. There is no double-counting when issues are expressed twice or more in one statement.

Concern and Condemnation (Thematic Issues)			
Category	Shortened form in Tableau	Description	Examples
Coup	Coup	On the military's seizure of power	"...Switzerland is deeply concerned by the worsening of the human rights situation in Myanmar since the takeover of the Burmese army." (Switzerland, 48th RS, ID SR)

Concern and Condemnation (Thematic Issues)			
Impunity and Accountability	Impunity / Accountability	On the impunity of the military and accountability of the junta to its human rights obligations and values including the recalling of ICJ and ICC provisional measures order	“Serious human rights violations and abuses, for which impunity still persist, have been committed in Myanmar.” (Sweden, 29th SS)
State of Emergency	State of Emergency	On the State of Emergency by the military regime	“France condemns the establishment of the state of emergency...” (France, 47th RS, ID SR)
Violence and Extrajudicial Killings	Violence / Killings	On the violence, torture, massacre and other actions causing civilian casualties since the overthrow of the democratically elected government	“We reaffirm our strong condemnation of the use of arbitrary and disproportionate force against peaceful protesters, resulting in the arbitrary killing of many of them.” (Albania, 48th RS, ID HC)
Arbitrary Arrest and Detention	Arrest / Detention	On arbitrary arrest and detention of political dissenters	“We are deeply troubled by credible reporting of the detention, torture, and killing of journalists, and information access restrictions.” (United States, 49th RS, ID SG)
Freedom of Expression and Assembly	Expression / Assembly	On the violent crackdowns against peaceful protesters, restrictions on internet access and independent media (right to information included in freedom of expression)	“The impact of the coup on freedoms of expression, assembly and association has been alarming.” (United Kingdom, 49th RS, ID HC)
Rights of Rohingya	Rohingya	On the discrimination, violence and persecutions of ethnic minorities including the Rohingyas	“Since the 2017 clearance operation in the Rakhine state, the Rohingyas are still waiting for justice to be delivered. Regrettably, the situation remains unchanged.” (Malaysia, 51th RS, ID IIMM)
Women, children and other vulnerable groups	Women / Children	On human rights of women, children and other vulnerable groups including women human rights defenders. (This category is separated from the REM due to the specific context and issues of ethnic minorities and Rohingya in Myanmar)	“The escalation of state repression in Myanmar since the 2021 coup is highly concerning. We are witnessing widespread and systematic attacks against civilian population, committed by the security forces, which include sexual and gender based violence...” (Croatia, 51st RS, ID SR)
Humanitarian	Humanitarian	On humanitarian situation including the absence	“The worsening humanitarian situation is exacerbating

Concern and Condemnation (Thematic Issues)			
Situation	Situation	and blocking of civilian access to humanitarian support	the suffering of millions in Myanmar.” (Ireland, 50th RS, ID SR)
ASEAN	ASEAN	On ASEAN related issues including its roles and responsibilities, values and principles, commitment to human rights instruments and agreement among ASEAN Member States such as ASEAN Charter, ASEAN HRD, Five Point Consensus, etc.	“...we reaffirm our strong support to the ASEAN initiative.” (India, 51st RS, ID SR)
Election	Elections	On the junta’s attempts at holding national elections to legitimate the military government	“We note with concern the military regime’s preparations for an electoral process. As things stand the situation on the ground in Myanmar would not be conducive to the running of a free, fair and inclusive electoral process.” (New Zealand, 52nd RS, ID SR)
Repatriation (R)	Repatriation	The statement addresses issues related to safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable repatriation of the Rohingya, IDPs and refugees.	“We are outraged that under the current conditions safe, voluntary, sustainable, and dignified return of internally displaced persons, the Rohingya and other refugees remains impossible.” (Bulgaria, 53rd RS ID HC)

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Calls for Action (Map + Which Actions? + Actions by whom?)

A simple thematic code is assigned where statements clearly indicate that ‘something needs to be done’. Note that not everyone points out who they are calling to take actions. We therefore separate the data processing into two layers, one on the actions (‘what’), and the other on actors called upon (‘who’). These categories were also developed inductively. When a call for action for a certain thematic category exists, we assign code “1”, when it doesn’t, we assign code “0”. A small number of calls that appeared to defend, support or legitimise the acts of Myanmar military or to block actions from external actors including the UN bodies are not included in this database, but recorded in a separate dataset, which is available upon request.

Call for Actions			
Actions	Shortened form in Tableau	Keywords	Examples
Impose Arms Embargo	Arms Embargo	"arms embargo" "prevent transfer of arms" "global embargo on arms trade" "cease the export of arms and transfer of dual-use technology to the military junta"	"The growing crisis requires greater action by all Member States and the UN Security Council to pressure the military to...including by imposing an arms embargo on the military..." (US 49th RS ID SG) "international community must take decisive action to prevent further bloodshed, including through the imposition of an arms embargo" (US, 47th RS ID SR)
Impose Sanctions against the military	Impose Sanctions	"freezing assets" "impose sanctions"	"Mr. Andrews, we support your call for coordinated action to implement...targeted economic action to identify and freeze the assets of the military and its affiliates." (US, 50th RS ID SR) "...we have already done by a clear and vocal support for imposing sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for the human rights violations and abuses in the country." (Czech Republic, 48th RS ID SR)
Other Economic Measures	Other Econ Measures	"divest and sever ties with all businesses linked to Myanmar's military" "conduct heightened human rights due diligence"	"Targeted and effective restrictive measures against the junta and its economic interests, as well as those who support them, should be explored." (Luxembourg, 29 SS) "We call on those States to take immediate measures to put an end to these business relationships." (Namibia, 51RS ID OHCHR Report)
End State of Emergency	End State of Emergency	"end/lift the state of emergency" ""call for an immediate end to the curfew""	"The state of emergency must be lifted." (Germany, 29 SS) "Ukraine calls ...to end the state of emergency ..." (Ukraine, 47 RS ID HC)
Stop persecution / release	Stop Persecution	"release all those arbitrarily detained" "immediate and unconditional release" "political prisoners" "exercise maximum	"we call for the immediate and unconditional release of all persons arbitrarily detained in Myanmar" (UK, 46th RS ID SR) "We reiterate our earlier calls to the Myanmar authorities to

detainees		restraint" "enforced disappearances"	release all arbitrarily detained elected leaders, political personalities, officials and civilians." (Turkey, 48th RS ID IIMM)
Stop Violence + Ceasefire	Stop Violence	"pressure the military" "refrain from excessive use of force" "cease violence" "all acts of violence" "exercise full/maximum/utmost restraint"	"the Myanmar military has the duty to prevent violence and refrain from the excessive use of force against civilians – as called upon also in the Five-Point Consensus reached at the April ASEAN Leaders Meeting." (Indonesia, 47th RS ID HC) "The growing crisis requires greater action by all Member States and the UN Security Council to pressure the military to cease violence..." (US 49th RS ID SG)
Ensure Access to Information	Access to Information	"(support independent) media" "internet access" "remove restrictions on civic space online" "freedom of press and safety of journalists"	"... call on the international community to continue to support independent media." (UK, 47th RS ID HC) "We call on the regime to lift barriers to internet access and end its invasive surveillance in Myanmar." (Australia, 50th RS ID SR)
Reinstate civilian government	Reinstate Civilian Gov.	"restore democratic transition/order" "restore the democratically elected government" "preservation of institutions and the democratic process" "call for respect of election results/will of the people" "return to constitutional order" "return to the path of democratic transition"	"The growing crisis requires greater action by all Member States and the UN Security Council to pressure the military to...restore Myanmar's democratic transition..." (US, 49th RS ID SG) "...Canada...calls for the immediate and unconditional release of all those arbitrarily arrested and the restoration of the democratically elected government." (Canada, 46th RS ID SR)
Recognise / Support NUG	Support NUG	"recognize NUG"	"We call upon the UN member states to recognize NUG as representing the sovereign will of the people of Myanmar and as a trusted partner to address the crisis in Myanmar." (Czech Republic 49 RS ID SR)
Provide humanitarian assistance	Provide hum. assistance	"provide support and assistance to the people of Myanmar" "humanitarian aid"	"Humanitarian assistance is urgently needed and should be provided in adequate, timely, non-politicized and non-discriminatory manner...We, therefore, would like to encourage countries, as well as the international organizations with presence on the ground in Myanmar, to redouble their efforts and continue to engage in providing the much needed

			support and assistance to the people of Myanmar." (Thailand, 50th RS ID HC)
Unblock access to humanitarian assistance	Unblock hum. assistance	"pressure the military" "ensure/ allow unhindered humanitarian access" "unobstructed humanitarian access"	"We call upon the Myanmar military leadership...to ensure safe and unhindered humanitarian access..." (NB8, 48th RS ID HC) "We urge all Member States to press the junta to immediately allow unhindered humanitarian access." (USA, 48th RS ID SR)
Protect the rights of Rohingyas	Protect Rohingyas	"Voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable return/repatriation of Rohingyas" "end impunity for...the crime of genocide perpetrated against the Rohingya and crimes against humanity and war crimes perpetrated against them and others ethnic minorities."	"We also call on the authorities in Myanmar to remove all arbitrary restrictions against the Rohingya, including restrictions on freedom of movement, health, education, livelihoods, and equal access to citizenship. We also call on them to immediately begin the safe and dignified return of the forcibly displaced Rohingya." (Mauritania, 48th RS ID IIMM) "Despite the bleak situation at hand, international community, particularly UN, should sustain their efforts to find a lasting solution to the Rohingya crisis, which entails voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable return of all Rohingya refugees to their homeland." (Turkey, 48th RS ID IIMM)
Realise Accountability	Realise Accountability	"for those responsible for the violence to be held to account" "impunity...must/should end" "investigate" "ICJ" "IIMM" "cooperation with...human rights mechanisms/SR/IIMM/HC, and... allow their access to the territory" "give unhindered access to Myanmar"	"The OIC reiterates its strong support for using all appropriate legal instruments and domestic, regional and international judicial mechanisms, including the ICJ, to investigate the gross human rights violations." (OIC, 47th RS ID SR) "The EU reiterates its support for the work of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar and the International Criminal Court in this regard." (EU, 49th RS ID SR)
Implement ASEAN initiatives	Implement ASEAN	"implement ASEAN's 5-point consensus" "strengthen ASEAN efforts"	"Indonesia counts on the international community's firm support for ASEAN's endeavour to seek a peaceful solution by the people of Myanmar." (Indonesia, 47th RS ID HC) "Today, we would like to reiterate those calls and hope that the complementing efforts of the UN and ASEAN would be strengthened." (Republic of Korea, 50th RS, ID SR)

Stop Death Penalty/ Executions	Death Penalty	"calls on Myanmar/the military/the coup...not to carry out death sentences"	"We demand that the Myanmar authorities not carry out these executions." (Spain, 50th RS, ID SR) "...call for the immediate cessation in the imposition of the death penalty." (Bulgaria, 50th RS, ID SR)
Protect the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons and Refugees	Protect IDPs and Refugees	"create conditions for the safe, voluntary, sustainable and dignified return of all refugees and internally displaced persons"	"We call upon all parties involved to create a favourable condition for such dialogue by refraining from violence, ensuring a timely and unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance, and facilitating the voluntary return of displaced persons in a safe, secure, and dignified manner." (Viet Nam, 53rd RS ID SR) "The conditions for a voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable return of refugees and internally displaced persons must be created and maintained." (EU, 50th RS, PD R)
Call for peace, democracy, rule of law, and human rights	Peace/Democracy/Rights	"Urge/ implore/ invite/calling all parties/all stakeholders/the international community" to "respect/ uphold human rights (including FoAA)(of children)" "restore peace" "return to constitution rule/ rule of law" "resorting to the judiciary" "return to democracy" "restore/ retain civic space" "improve cohesion of efforts" "engage in constructive dialogue"	"The United Nations and regional organizations should continue in their efforts in engaging the authorities in Myanmar for a return to a peoples chosen government and full promotion and protection of human rights." (Malawi, 50th RS, ID HC) "France renews its call for... the establishment of a dialogue including all the parties stakeholders..." (France, 50th RS, ID HC)

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Limitations and Caution

The data analysis covers statements made at the HRC's 29th Special Session on Myanmar and during Interactive Dialogues (ID) and Panel Discussions (PD) specifically focusing on Myanmar during the HRC's Regular Sessions. Therefore, statements under other agenda items that have focuses other than Myanmar or having general nature, such as the General Debate, are not covered. These statements were analysed primarily using their texts uploaded on the HRC extranet. Statements, which were uploaded to the



HRC extranet in languages other than English, were all translated into English using Google Translate. Statements that were not uploaded to [the HRC extranet](#) at the time of analysis were transcribed based on recordings of the English channel at the [UN Web TV](#). These practices ensure timeliness of our analysis, but may lead to the loss of a small amount of accuracy. The statements of Myanmar itself are not included in the analysis.

Last but not least, statements by regional blocs or groups of countries are not included in the visualised outputs of the database (e.g. maps and graphs) but covered in the database and included in the findings papers produced for each session since the 52nd session of the HRC.