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Thank you, Madam President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for the oral update on the situation of human rights in Myanmar.

We are seriously concerned about on-going grave human rights violations and abuses, including on-going clearance operations by the Tatmadaw. It is appalling that the Government of Myanmar did not respect and implement the obligations under the preliminary ruling of the International Court of Justice on the situation in Myanmar, nor has it complied with the UN Secretary-General's call for a global ceasefire.

The statements made by the Government of Myanmar on progress achieved and the importance of human rights are not credible as long as serious human rights violations and abuses continue to happen and as long as there is a complete impunity for the perpetrators as well as the whole chain of command.

The unwillingness of the Government of Myanmar to stop further violations and ensure accountability for previous serious human rights violations and abuses make on-going investigations at the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice more important than ever.

We urge the Government of Myanmar to fully cooperate with all mechanisms and guarantee full and unhindered access to the country to the investigating courts but also the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar as well as the new Special Rapporteur.

I thank you.