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**by H.E. Ambassador Peter Matt, Permanent Representative of the
Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as well as the European Union for their request for a Special Session on the situation in Myanmar.

We are deeply concerned about the removal of the civilian Government by the military and the arbitrary arrests of democratically elected members of the Government, including State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi and President Win Myint, other political leaders, human rights defenders, journalists, media workers, activists, foreign experts and others.

We regret that the military of Myanmar has chosen to disregard the people's will as expressed in the elections of 8 November 2020. The declaration of the state of emergencies is as unacceptable as the internet shutdowns, or the unwillingness of the

leaders of Myanmar to uphold their human rights obligations. In light of the serious pre-existing human rights crisis in Myanmar, the military coup represents a clear danger of additional escalation.

Madam President,

In a situation of such gravity, the active involvement of all intergovernmental bodies is required. Liechtenstein supports the resolution to be adopted at the end of this Special Session and calls upon the Myanmar military to immediately lift the state of emergency, release arbitrarily detained persons, allow for independent investigations into all human rights violations and cooperate with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights as well as with the Human Rights Council and its mandate holders.

I thank you, Madam President.