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**Statement delivered by Ambassador Vincenzo Grassi,
Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations in Geneva**

Mister President,

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU and thanks the Special Rapporteur for his report.

Italy condemns once again the military coup of 1st February 2021 and expresses its deep concern about the devastating human rights and humanitarian crisis in Myanmar.

We urge the military regime to immediately end attacks against civilians, including children, and other human rights violations, such as extrajudicial killings, torture and sexual violence, as well as violations and abuses against Rohingya and other minorities.

Italy also deplores the capital executions carried out in Myanmar and reiterates the appeal to reinstate a moratorium of the death penalty.

The rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly must be respected, and an inclusive dialogue with all relevant stakeholders is urgently needed in order to restore democracy and the rule of law.

In line with the UN Security Council Resolution 2669 (2022), Italy calls for the full implementation of ASEAN's Five-Point Consensus, the immediate release of all those arbitrarily detained, and a full and unhindered humanitarian access.

We strongly support the work of the Special Rapporteur, of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and his Office, as well as of the Independent Investigative Mechanism, whose contribution is paramount to ensure accountability and justice for all people in Myanmar.

I thank you