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Mr. President,

Italy aligns itself with the EU statement and thanks the Special Rapporteur for his report. We remain deeply concerned by the continuing escalation of violence and by the dire political, economic, human rights and humanitarian crisis in which Myanmar has been plunged for three years.

Attacks targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure are deplorable, leaving 2.6 million people displaced and more than 18 million requiring humanitarian aid. Mandatory conscription is fueling further instability. This must stop immediately. Human rights must be fully respected, including freedoms of expression, assembly and association. Systematic discrimination against the Rohingya and other religious and ethnic minorities must end.

We urge the military regime to change course, release all those arbitrarily detained, ensure unhindered humanitarian access and allow space for inclusive dialogue with all stakeholders.

We encourage unified efforts by ASEAN to resolve the crisis and call on the military regime to implement the “*Five-Point Consensus*”. We also call for the timely appointment of a UN Special Envoy and a Resident Coordinator. We confirm our support for the work of the Special Rapporteur, of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and his Office, as well as of the Independent Investigative Mechanism.

We continue to stand in solidarity with the people in Myanmar and are committed to a future of peace, freedom and democracy in the country.

I thank you