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### Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

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Statement delivered by Ambassador Vincenzo Grassi,  
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*Mr. President,*

Italy aligns itself with the EU statement and thanks the Special Rapporteur for his update and report, which once again shed light on a dramatic reality.

We reiterate our firm condemnation of the brutal repression of the people of Myanmar by the military regime. We remain deeply concerned by the expanding humanitarian crisis across the country. Attacks against civilians and all human rights violation or abuse must cease immediately.

We also deplore the reported forced conscription, including of Rohingya, which is causing further internal and regional displacement, exacerbating communities divides and ethnic tensions.

Accountability for serious crimes remains crucial. We confirm our support to the essential work of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar in this regard.

Furthermore, Italy restates its demand for unimpeded humanitarian access and for the release of those arbitrarily detained. An inclusive dialogue with all stakeholders is essential for a durable democratic process.

In conclusion, let me recall the High Commissioner's words on the very first day of this session, when he referred to a '*new generation in Myanmar*' that deserve our attention and solidarity. Amidst violence and barbarity, they are a beacon of hope for the future of Myanmar.

*I thank you*