

**Statement by**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

We align ourselves with the statement delivered by Pakistan on behalf of OIC under this agenda item.

The Maldives thanks the Special Rapporteur for the comprehensive report on the human rights situation in Myanmar.

Mr. President,

The government of Maldives strongly condemns the military takeover in Myanmar on 1 February 2021, and notes with utmost concern, the grave human rights violations being committed against the people of Myanmar by the Military. We are deeply disturbed by the findings of the Special Rapporteur's report, which revealed that the human rights violations in Myanmar has led to at least 1,600 civilian deaths and displaced over 500,000 people.

We call on the Military to put an end to all forms of systematic violence against the people of Myanmar, including the Rohingya people, and to strictly comply with

Myanmar's obligations under international humanitarian and human rights law. We also call on the Military to respect fundamental human rights, including the right to peaceful assembly and association, and the right to freedom of expression, and to uphold the democratic rights of the people enshrined in Myanmar's constitution.

Mr. President,

We commend the humanitarian efforts extended by the Government of Bangladesh to the Rohingya people and applaud the efforts made to vaccinate the Rohingya population against COVID-19. We join the international community in calling for full accountability for all those who are responsible for violations of international human rights law, and stand in solidarity with the people of Myanmar, including with the Rohingya community. We call on the Military to seek a peaceful resolution to the current crisis.

I thank you.