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Mr. Chair,

The Czech Republic fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU.

We thank the Special Rapporteur for his report providing an updated account of the atrocities the junta ruthlessly continues to commit against the people of Myanmar, including war crimes and crimes against humanity, as the evidence makes clear.

We are appalled by the relentless military's attacks on civilians. According to AAPP-Burma documentation, since February 2021 a total of 2.367 people, pro-democratic activists and other civilians have been killed throughout the military crackdown, 12.674 people are under detention and 1.549 are serving sentences.

We have a great respect for the hard work of local activists, human rights defenders, journalists and thousands of Myanmar's young people risking imprisonment and their lives while spurring on the pro-democracy movement. Women and women-led society organizations deserve no less admiration and support for their tremendous bravery when serving the others in need.

We condemn the junta's flagrant disregard for the Five-Point Consensus and call on the junta to immediately end unrestrained violence and attacks on civilians, to begin a constructive dialogue and enable delivery of humanitarian assistance.

The UN member states, the international community, the international organizations, the UN agencies – we all have to act and work together to get the junta to stop terrorizing and killing the people of Myanmar. The Special Rapporteur has offered a number of concrete steps and we are ready to lead by example and follow them.

Junta has no legitimacy and must be deprived of resources. Perpetrators of atrocity crimes must be held accountable. International community must support all prodemocracy forces in Myanmar.

The Czech Republic has been actively supporting this process, either through meeting with NUG representatives or clear support for imposing sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for the human rights violations and abuses in the country.

Mr. Special Rapporteur,

How far, do you think, the junta is ready to go with its atrocities irrespective of the dramatic economic, political, financial and social deterioration in the country as well as the international continuous condemnation of its murderous functioning, sanctions and deepening pressure to end violence and start cooperating with the international community?

I thank you.