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**Item 4 - Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar**

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**Statement of the Czech Republic**

The Czech Republic aligns itself with the EU statement.

We thank the Special Rapporteur Mr Thomas Andrews for his oral update.

Mr Special Rapporteur,

We welcome the opportunity to have this Interactive Dialogue. The Czech Republic is deeply concerned by the increasing violence following the illegal military coup, by atrocities committed by the state security forces, including the torture of those detained and the jailing of lawyers for standing up for justice. The current situation in Myanmar – described in your update and in the update of the UN High Commissioner Madame Michelle Bachelet - requires the Council’s urgent and continuous attention.

We fully agree with your assessment of the need for the coordinated action of States as well as businesses to prevent further human rights violations and abuses. The EU keeps imposing restrictive measures against specific individuals and entities responsible for **serious human rights violations and abuses** in the country. At the same time, the Czech Republic individually as well as collectively within the EU continues providing humanitarian assistance in accordance with the basic humanitarian principles.

On 18 June, the situation in Myanmar was discussed in the UN Security Council and also in the General Assembly. The UNGA decisively adopted the resolution. What would you recommend to the Human Rights Council as a follow-up step?

Finally, we wish to reiterate that the Czech Republic continues supporting Myanmar’s democratic transition. We hope that the Five-point consensus reached at the Leaders’ Meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will rather sooner than later lead to prompt and meaningful outcomes.

Thank you.