**HRC 50 - Interactive Dialogue on Special Rapporteur’s oral update on Myanmar**

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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

The Czech Republic aligns with the statement made on behalf of the European Union.

We thank the Special Rapporteur for the oral update.

Since the coup, the situation in Myanmar has been deteriorating. The suffering of innocent people is increasing. We have been witnessing gross human rights violations, *including extrajudicial killings*. We strongly urge the junta not to resume capital punishment after a three-decade hiatus *and not to follow through with the executions of political prisoners.*

Particularly high price, in this dire humanitarian, economic and political situation, is paid by children who are often a direct target of violence.

The junta’s war against the people of Myanmar has resulted in displacement of hundreds of thousands of people, including more than 250 000 children, *while other children have been held hostage by the junta.*

We urge the junta to release all arbitrarily detained persons including children, stop recruiting them and to respect their fundamental rights *including the right to health, education and development.*

We call on the Myanmar authorities to further release political prisoners, ensure protection of human rights of all persons in the country and to grant full and unimpeded humanitarian access to all those in need. *We further urge them to stop marginalizing and discriminating Rohingya Muslims and other minorities and to initiate process of their safe return and reintegration.*

We wish to express our support to the National Unity Government and appreciation for their efforts to play an effective and democratic role.

I thank you.