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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

Mr. President,

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

Already for 13 months, we have been expressing our staunch support for the people in Myanmar and their aspirations for democracy, civilian government, and peace. We call for the immediate and unconditional release of all those arbitrarily detained.

We welcome the *latest* report of the Special Rapporteur. We condemn in the strongest terms the grave human rights violations by the military and security forces against the people of Myanmar, *including arbitrary arrests, arsons, and torture, sexual and gender-based violence, as well as violations of the freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.*

We call for immediate cessation of all brutal attacks, including airstrikes, extrajudicial killings and the use of forced labour and human shields, by the military and security forces, targeting civilian population, including women, seniors and children. Many of these acts likely constitute crimes against humanity or war crimes, and perpetrators must be brought to justice.

The Czech Republic reiterates its support to the National Unity Government. *In line with the recommendation of the Special Rapporteur,* we call upon the UN member states to recognize NUG as representing the sovereign will of the people of Myanmar and as a trusted partner to address the crisis in Myanmar.

*Following up to the report,* what further steps can be taken in order to ensure accountability for the grave human rights violations *taking place* in Myanmar?

Thank you.