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**Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Myanmar, Mr. Tom Andrews**

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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

Mr. President,

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

We would like to thank the Special Rapporteur for his report which focuses on the oppression of civil society, internal displacement and international migration which are causing increasing instability and destabilization of the region.

The human rights and humanitarian situation in the country has been worsening as the scope and gravity of crimes and abuses continue to expand. The military has been fostering religious and ethnic tensions, which we could most recently observe over the last week in Shan State.

The Czech Republic strongly condemns the deliberate, ruthless, widespread and indiscriminate use of force by the Myanmar military around the country, and the violent acts committed against the people of Myanmar, including killings, torture, sexual and gender-based violence, crimes against children, and the destruction of homes. We also strongly condemn the unjustified execution of four political prisoners in July 2022.

We support the Rapporteur´s call on the military junta to release all political prisoners, to ensure full protection of civilians, and for the restoration of the legitimate, democratically elected institutions.

We urge the military junta to immediately stop all human rights violations, to lift all martial law orders at once and to cooperate with the Special Rapporteur as well as the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar.

Special Rapporteur,

How can we better support persons affected by the crisis in the country?

Thank you