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### **Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Myanmar**

Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Peter Matt,

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mr. President,

We would like to thank the Special Rapporteur for her oral update. We also seize this opportunity to extend our most sincere appreciation to the Special Rapporteur for her continued and strong engagement to promote accountability in Myanmar. Liechtenstein continues to be very concerned and appalled by the serious violations of human rights in Myanmar, in particular by the ongoing sexual and gender-based violence, the legal and factual discrimination of Rohingyas as well as other ethnic and religious minorities in Myanmar, arbitrary detentions and arbitrary killings.

This ongoing oppression and persecution of ethnic and religious minorities by the Tatmadaw security forces, as well as ethnic armed organizations cooperating with the Tatmadaw, clearly show the Government of Myanmar's unwillingness to improve the

situation, hold perpetrators of the most serious crimes accountable, and ensure the application of human rights.

In this regard we welcome that the Independent Investigate Mechanism on Myanmar has been announced operational. This is a crucial step to advance and secure accountability in Myanmar. In this context we underline once more that without adequate accountability there will be no sustainable peace in Myanmar.

We furthermore welcome the request by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court from 4 July 2019 to authorize an investigation into alleged crimes against humanity, namely deportation, other inhumane acts and persecution committed against the Rohingya people from Myanmar, covering the period since October 2016. Liechtenstein also reiterates its call for a Security Council referral to the ICC of the situation as a whole as important crimes such as sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) do not currently fall under the jurisdiction of the ICC.

Mr. President,

The situation in Myanmar demands a continued and close observation of the Human Rights Council. The next session of the Human Rights Council taking place only in almost half a year we would like to know from the Special Rapporteur how she would like to keep States informed about the situation in the time until the next session. We would also be interested in ideas on how to further promote accountability in Myanmar.

I thank you.