

**Benelux Statement during the Enhanced Interactive Dialogue on the High Commissioner's Report and the Oral Update of the Special Rapporteur on Myanmar – item 4**

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Mr. President,  
Mr. High Commissioner,

I am honoured to deliver this statement on behalf of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. We fully align with the European Union's statement and thank the High Commissioner for his report.

As Benelux countries we remain deeply alarmed by the ongoing human rights crisis in Myanmar, which continues to deteriorate in the wake of the military coup in February 2021. We condemn in the strongest terms the continued violence perpetrated by the military against civilians, including airstrikes on populated areas, arbitrary arrests, and reports of torture and extrajudicial killings.

We are particularly concerned about the humanitarian impact of the conflict, including on children, women, and ethnic minorities, including the Rohingya. Over two million people have been internally displaced, and access to humanitarian aid remains dangerously restricted.

We reaffirm our unwavering support for the efforts of the Special Rapporteur and welcome the work of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar. We call for full accountability for the crimes committed and reiterate our support for international justice mechanisms.

We urge the Myanmar military to immediately cease hostilities, release all political prisoners, and restore democratic governance. We call for immediate, safe and unimpeded humanitarian access to all communities in need. Arms transfers and other, indirect support to the junta must cease.

Mr. Andrews,

How can countries in the region meaningfully support functioning grass roots democratic governance instances that have emerged, with a view to preparing and enabling transitional justice and accountability?

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