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**Agenda Item 4 -** *Oral Statement in the Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar*

Mr President,

As Myanmar enters its fourth year since the *coup d’etat*, the ICJ condemns the Myanmar military’s complete disregard for human rights and the rule of law and perpetration of systematic gross human rights violations amounting to crimes under international law.

In a context where arbitrary arrests and detention, torture and other ill-treatment, including sexual violence, summary and extrajudicial executions and enforced disappearances continue to be used systematically by the military to impose its rule and crush dissent and, in the absence of any domestic legal recourse, impunity rules.

We welcome the Special Rapporteur’s conference paper that underscores the distinct gendered impacts of the military coup on women, girls and LGBT people.

The International Commission of Jurists has documented how women deprived of liberty under interrogation are often subjected to torture and other ill-treatment, including sexual and gender-based violence, inhumane detention conditions, denial of gender-specific healthcare, and the use of overly punitive disciplinary methods and sanctions.

We urge UN Member States to increase financial and other support for coordinated efforts to investigate and document, and facilitate accountability, access to effective remedies and full reparation, for the gross human rights violations perpetrated, including against women and persons from ethnic and religious minorities.

Special Rapporteur, what are concrete steps that the Council and UN Member States can take to fully address the gendered impact of serious human rights violations and end the cycle of impunity in Myanmar?

Thank you.

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