



## **Statement of Ireland**

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#### **Item 4 – Interactive dialogue with Special Rapporteur on Myanmar**

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU. We thank the Special Rapporteur for his report.

Ireland condemns in the strongest terms the coup in Myanmar and the multiple violations of human rights that have occurred.

Ireland deplores the killings of innocent civilians. The escalating use of force by the military, the killing of protesters, the wounding of others and the use of live ammunition and automatic weapons is completely unacceptable. We call on the Myanmar military to immediately cease the use of force against protesters, respect the freedoms of expression, association, and assembly, and guarantee the rule of law and human rights.

We also call for the unconditional release of President U Win Myint and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, as well as the protesters, political leaders, human rights defenders, journalists and activists who have been arrested and detained.

The actions of the military have united the international community in condemnation. We encourage those who have influence on the military leadership, including countries within the region, to use it to protect the human rights of the Myanmar people.

*Mr Andrews, given the escalation of violence in Myanmar, you have recommended that the international community “ratchets up its response”. Do you see options for diplomatic approaches to find an effective, appropriate, and sustainable outcome to the crisis?*