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**Intervention by Ukraine**

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Myanmar and thanks for presentation of the National report.

First of all we would like to commend the signing of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement on 15 October this year, witnessed by the international observers. This is crucial for launching a political dialogue aimed at bringing long-awaited sustainable peace and securing an environment for protecting and promoting human rights in the country.

Holding free, fair and transparent general elections on the 8 November this year will be the next, and one of the most critical steps towards positive changes.

The Ukrainian delegation acknowledges the importance of the efforts made by Myanmar in the human rights sphere, in particular accession to, signing or ratifying a number of the core international human rights treaties.

**We wish to recommend** facilitating the establishment of an OHCHR office in the State, which would be able to operate throughout the country with a full promotion and protection mandate.

Thank you, Mr. President.