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**Myanmar**

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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Myanmar.

We note that the Government continues with democratization and reform processes as previously recommended. We are determined to continue cooperating with the new Government and the people of Myanmar in this regard.

With this in mind, we **recommend**:

1. Fully cooperate with UN mandates and international accountability mechanisms, including by granting access to the Special Rapporteur on *the situation of human rights in* Myanmar and the *Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar* (IIMM), and establish a clear timeframe for the opening of a fully-fledged OHCHR country office.
2. Ensure that the legal framework governing rights to freedom of expression, assembly and association and to participate in public affairs is consistent with international human rights standards. Immediately release all detained or imprisoned for the peaceful exercise of their human rights, adopt an access to information law, and commit to media freedom.
3. Ensure quick, independent and effective investigations into allegations of human rights violations by members of the military and ethnic armed organizations, and ensure accountability and redress for victims.
4. Continue to reform laws and policies, inter alia amend the 1982 Citizenship Law to ensure that citizenship is granted free of any discrimination, amend the four “race and religion” laws and amend the (Vacant, Fallow and Virgin) Lands Management Law in consultation with minority representatives.

Thank you.