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Madam President,

North Macedonia welcomes Myanmar’s ratification of important international documents since their second UPR in 2015.

Deeply concerned by the wave of violence affecting both Rakhine and Rohingya ethnic communities, which impairs the process of return of refugees and IDPs, we urge the government to implement its international humanitarian and human rights obligations.

We regret the absence of meaningful progress of accountability at domestic level that is necessary to put an end to impunity and to bring perpetrators of serious human rights violations to justice. We urge Myanmar’s authorities to fully cooperate with the International Criminal Court (ICC).

We recommend to Myanmar the following:

- To cooperate and allow access to its territory to all relevant international mechanisms for human rights protection and promotion such as the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, the Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar and the Independent Investigative Mechanism on Myanmar.

We wish Myanmar a successful UPR Cycle.

I thank you.