

EU Statement

Introduction of draft resolution on the HR Situation in Myanmar

Mr. President,

On behalf of the European Union and all co-sponsors I have the honor to present for adoption the draft resolution L.1.Rev.1 on the "Human Rights Situation in Myanmar".

We convened open-ended informal consultations in line with the "methods of work" defined by this Council in the Institutional Building Package last June. We would like to thank the many delegations that actively participated in these consultations. We have continued to engage with delegations today with a view to have a strong and effective text adopted by consensus. As a result of these consultations, and in order to facilitate the consensual adoption of this draft, we would like to make the following amendments from the floor to L.1.Rev.1:

- In OP1, replace the first word by "Strongly deplores"
- In OP4, 4th line, include the word "media" between "access to" and "information"



Mr. President,

The main goals of draft L.1.Rev.1 as amended from the floor are the following:

- To send a clear message from this Council in reaction to the violent repression of peaceful demonstrations in Myanmar.
- To prevent further violations of human rights, by urging the Government of Myanmar to exercise utmost restraint and desist from further violence against peaceful protesters.
- To call upon the Government of Myanmar to guarantee full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and bring to justice perpetrators of human rights violations.
- To urge the Government of Myanmar to release political prisoners and lift all restraints on peaceful political activity, and to engage in an urgent national dialogue with all parties with a view to achieving genuine national reconciliation, democratization and the establishment of the rule of law.
- While taking into account and welcoming the decision of the Government of Myanmar to receive a visit by the Special Envoy of the UNSG, the draft encourages the Government of Myanmar to continue cooperating with humanitarian agencies and the UN, namely its human rights mechanisms, including the OHCHR and the HRC Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar.

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- To request the Special Rapporteur to assess the current HR situation in Myanmar and monitor the implementation by the Government of Myanmar of the draft resolution. In that regard, we are confident that the UN Secretary-General will provide the necessary and appropriate means for the Special Rapporteur, in accordance with his general mandate, to fulfill the specific tasks that the Council will be entrusting him through the current draft. Efforts by the President of the Council, the High Commissioner and neighboring States and regional organizations in facilitating the cooperation of the Government of Myanmar will be extremely important to ensure that the Special Rapporteur will be able to visit Myanmar and that this draft resolution will be implemented.

Mr. President,

I would like once again to express our gratitude to all delegations for their engagement which has led to a draft which reflects, as much as possible, the concerns of all parties, and which we trust can be adopted by consensus. To finish, let me reiterate the appeal contained in this draft to the Government of Myanmar to fully cooperate with this Council and its decisions, with a view to improving the dire human rights of its people.

I thank you Mr. President.