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Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Peter Matt,
Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar for the presentation of her report.

We welcome the provisional measures ordered by the International Court of Justice regarding the obligations of the Government of Myanmar under the Convention of Genocide and urge the Government to fully implement those measures, including preventing the commission of all acts within the scope of Article II of the Genocide Convention.

Furthermore, Liechtenstein stresses the importance of ensuring accountability at the domestic and international level for all the crimes under international law committed in Myanmar. It is the Government's duty to hold accountable all perpetrators, including the members of the security forces having committed crimes against humanity, war crimes and crimes of genocide, in particular against ethnic and religious minorities.

Full and comprehensive cooperation with the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court and the Independent Investigative Mechanism on Myanmar are crucial pre-conditions for transitional justice in the country.

We express our hope that the Government of Myanmar takes all necessary steps to ensure transparent, inclusive, participatory, free and fair elections, in particular under inclusion of ethnic and religious minorities. We also encourage the Government of Myanmar to embark on a National Dialogue as recommended by the Special Rapporteur.

We would like to conclude by thanking the Special Rapporteur for the tremendous work she carried out throughout the years under most difficult conditions. We particularly commend her strong leadership on accountability.

I thank you.