



Statement of Ireland

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ID with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU, thanks the Special Rapporteur for his update.

Ireland condemns in the strongest terms the coup in Myanmar and the violations of international law, including international human rights law, perpetrated by the military.

We are deeply concerned by accounts of enforced disappearances, sexual and gender-based violence, torture, arbitrary detention and the brutal killing of civilians. The finding of your report that hundreds of children have been killed or injured by the military, some of them deliberately targeted, is a stark reminder that even the most vulnerable have not been spared from the continuing violence. The perpetrators of atrocity crimes, including crimes against children, must be held accountable.

The worsening humanitarian situation is exacerbating the suffering of millions in Myanmar. The growing impact of the crisis on children's access to food and water, education, and health services is particularly alarming.

Ireland calls again for the immediate release of all those arbitrarily detained including political prisoners, protesters, and human rights defenders and activists. The recent announcement that the military intends to execute a number of individuals arrested for peaceful protest and support for democracy is unacceptable. The passing of these sentences is gravely concerning and we reiterate Ireland's unequivocal stance against the death penalty.

Special Rapporteur, the military coup and subsequent violence have had a profound effect on children, who have been subject to indiscriminate attacks, detentions, torture and child recruitment. What can the international community do to safeguard their rights?

Thank you.