



Statement of Ireland

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the High Commissioner for her update.

Ireland condemns in the strongest terms the coup in Myanmar, the numerous violations of human rights committed and the continued use of lethal force and military weapons against civilians.

As the High Commissioner has outlined, the situation in Myanmar continues to deteriorate. In addition to suppressing basic freedoms and arbitrarily detaining human rights defenders, the military have invoked martial law, imposed the death penalty and are increasingly impeding humanitarian aid efforts.

The risk of escalating conflict, deepening humanitarian crisis and regional instability remains very real.

Ireland is deeply concerned at the continuing reports of the harassment, abuse and killing of protesters, including women asserting their political right to participation, and is appalled by the reports of sexual violence and torture against detainees, as well as the detention of children.

We renew our call on the military to immediately cease the use of force against their own people, release all political detainees, and guarantee the human rights of the people of Myanmar. We further emphasise that the Tatmadaw must at a minimum allow humanitarian actors to operate fully and in safety.

Madame High Commissioner, given the slow pace of progress in fulfilling the promise of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus, how can we best ensure that diplomatic efforts gain momentum?