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Item 2: General debate on the High Commissioner's oral update

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Ireland aligns with the EU statement.

We thank the High Commissioner for his update and welcome the focus on sustainable development.

Ireland is committed to implementing the 2030 Agenda and believes that respect for human rights is intrinsic to the achievement of sustainable development.

Working alongside Qatar over the past year, Ireland has facilitated the agreement of the Political Declaration that will be adopted at next week's SDG Summit. Through the Declaration, states will reaffirm their commitment to effectively implement the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs. Importantly for this Council, states will also reaffirm their resolve to respect, protect and fulfil human rights, which is essential to delivering on the SDGs over the remaining seven years of the Agenda.

High Commissioner,

We condemn continued human rights abuses by the military in **Myanmar**, including the widespread use of torture, sexual and gender-based violence, extra-judicial executions, forcible displacement and arbitrary detention.

We are concerned about reported killings and other violations and abuses in Amhara and Oromia regions of **Ethiopia**, and reported mass arrests and forced displacement in parts of Tigray. All human rights violations and abuses should be investigated and perpetrators held to account.

We remain concerned about the experience of migrants around the world, including in our own region. We share your concerns regarding allegations of killings of Ethiopian migrants at the border of **Saudi Arabia** and **Yemen**. We urge the authorities to engage with the UN to ensure transparent investigations, and recommend that Saudi Arabia engage with UN Special Procedures.

Finally, we condemn the coup in **Niger**, and call for the peaceful and full restoration of constitutional order.

Thank you.