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**Interactive Dialogue: Report of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar**

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**Australian Statement**

We thank the **Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar** for its report.

Australia continues to call for accountability for human rights violations and abuses committed throughout Myanmar, including justice for the Rohingya and other affected communities.

We commend the work of the Mechanism and acknowledge the complex operating environment, including the challenges posed by COVID-19. Its work to collect, preserve and analyse evidence is a crucial step in the fight against impunity for violations of international law. We thank Bangladesh for welcoming the Mechanism’s first mission in November 2019 and for continuing to host forcibly displaced Rohingya.

We continue to encourage Myanmar to cooperate with the Mechanism as it carries out its mandate. Realising accountability for international crimes is critical for any long-term solution to protracted crises across Myanmar, and to create conditions conducive to safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable returns by displaced people.

Australia will continue to support the Mechanism as it implements its mandate going forward.

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