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# **Interactive Dialogue with Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar**

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**Australian Statement**

Thank you Mr Koumijan

We welcome the report by the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM).

We commend the work of the Mechanism, in difficult circumstances, to gather evidence and support accountability for international crimes.

We share the desire for those responsible to face justice.

The 6th report lays out clearly the responsibility of the Myanmar regime for appalling violence, forced displacement and hate speech against Rohingya communities.

Seven years after so-called ‘clearance operations’, we recognise the victims and the courage of survivors.

We are deeply concerned at the escalation of violence across Myanmar by the regime and other actors since the 2021 coup. We share the Mechanism’s concerns that crimes are becoming more frequent and more brutal.

The use of conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence must end. We condemn the use of sexual violence as a weapon to maximise terror and fear.

The regime must change course and cease violence.

Australia welcomes all states cooperating with and supporting the Mechanism.

Australia will continue to support accountability and justice for the victims.

Mr Koumijan, how can we encourage the full cooperation of Member States with the Mechanism’s investigative activities?

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