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Statement by H.E. Mr. Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative of the
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Mr. Chair,

As this is the first time that I have taken the floor, I wish to congratulate you on your election as the Chair of the Committee. I assure you and the Bureau of our full support and cooperation.

Mr. Chair ,

This committee must know that the illegal overthrow of a democratically elected government is a flagrant violation of the rule of law. Such unlawful acts should never be acceptable to the international community.

The rule of law is maintained through the separation of power and the checks and balances between the branches of government, especially the independence of the judiciary.

However, in my country of Myanmar, the unwanted military leader, who has no regard for the rule of law and enjoys blanket impunity so far for many past atrocities, has now made himself the absolute authority of all executive, legislative and judicial powers through the illegal coup. He has criminally arrested the elected President and other members of the government. The illegal junta has neither legal basis nor legitimacy.

Yet the illegitimate junta has been making so-called laws to suit its needs, arbitrarily enforcing them as they wish. Right now, no court independently adjudicates the law. They only rubber stamp the orders of the inhumane military.

These lawless acts of the military junta are evidence of the absurd secret trials against elected civilian leaders, including President U Win Myint, State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and against other innocent people the military is holding hostage.

As a result, the rule of law in my country is being buried and tremendous injustice is being inflicted on the people. This is what is happening now, in Myanmar.

Since the coup, Myanmar people have been facing military brutality at massive scale including multiple massacres, wholesale arson of civilian homes and deliberate attacks against towns, villages and schools by air strikes.

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In July this year, the military junta cruelly executed four democracy activists including Ko Jimmy and former MP U Phyu Zeyar Thaw. These executions were hostage murders openly carried out by the junta based on the secret military tribunals.

Just last month, a military helicopter swooped down on a local school in Let Yet Kone Village in Depayin Township in Sagaing Region and brutally killed at least 13 people including seven children who were learning and playing innocently.

These horrifying crimes are blatant violations of international human rights and humanitarian law.

Mr. Chair ,

The military junta's continued violations of domestic laws and international law have serious implications on regional peace and stability. Their brutal attacks have caused the displacement of more than 1 million people. Many of these women and children are acutely vulnerable to transnational cr