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H.E. Dr. Muhammad Yunus Honourable Chief Adviser of the Interim Government of Bangladesh The People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Your Excellency,

The Special Advisory Council for Myanmar (SAC-M) welcomes your support for the Rohingya community in Bangladesh, and your expressed commitment to the rule of law and accountability for human rights violations in Bangladesh and beyond.

Bangladesh's failure to formally protest and object to Myanmar junta leader Min Aung Hlaing's participation at the 6th BIMSTEC Summit held in Thailand earlier this month is therefore a source of consternation and alarm.

In November 2024, the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court filed an application for a warrant of arrest for Min Aung Hlaing based on the conclusion that there are reasonable grounds to believe that he bears criminal responsibility for the crimes against humanity of deportation and persecution of Rohingya committed in Myanmar and in part in Bangladesh. It was Bangladesh as a State Party to the Rome Statute that made this significant step toward justice and accountability possible.

More recently in February 2025, an Argentinian court exercising universal jurisdiction issued arrest warrants for Min Aung Hlaing and other senior Myanmar military and political figures for their alleged roles in genocide and crimes against humanity committed against the Rohingya.

A principled commitment to the rule of law and to accountability must see Bangladesh seize every legal and political opportunity to support Min Aung Hlaing's prosecution and to challenge the military junta's desperate efforts to secure legitimacy.

At the same time, Bangladesh should strengthen its ties with legitimate prodemocracy actors in Myanmar, including the National Unity Government, ethnic organisations and civil society. In their aspirations for a truly inclusive federal democracy, these communities share the same values as the Interim Government of Bangladesh. SAC-M is grateful for your attention, Excellency, and is ready to support your efforts. We intend to make this letter public after your receipt.

Sincerely,

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