



**Special Advisory Council for
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H.E. Mr. António Guterres
Secretary-General
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Dear Secretary-General,

The Special Advisory Council for Myanmar (SAC-M) urges you to request the Security Council to immediately convene an open meeting on the situation in Myanmar.

The twin earthquakes that struck Myanmar and Thailand on 28 March 2025 have been catastrophic. Thousands of people in Myanmar are feared dead, thousands more remain trapped, hospitals are overrun and out of supplies, and repeated aftershocks threaten further destruction of homes and critical infrastructure. The earthquakes also hit a time of crippling aid cuts, when a third of Myanmar's population – 20 million people – had already been driven into poverty by the military junta's four-year war of attrition.

The Security Council meeting should request updates on the situation from key officials including Myanmar's Permanent Representative, the UN Special Envoy on Myanmar, the UN Special Rapporteur on Myanmar, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, the ASEAN Chair, and representatives of Myanmar civil society and humanitarian organisations.

The meeting would also provide a platform to:

- support and coordinate the immediate deployment of humanitarian aid, medical assistance, heavy equipment and rescue teams by land, air and sea, including through cross-border channels and ethnic and civil society organisations capable of reaching communities most in need
- press for a full and immediate cessation of offensive military operations across Myanmar. The National Unity Government's People's Defence Forces have implemented an initial two-week pause in offensive military operations in earthquake-affected areas to ensure an all-hands emergency response. Yet the military junta has reportedly launched air strikes in earthquake-affected areas including Magway and Sagaing Regions and Karenni and Shan States
- push for a new Security Council resolution on Myanmar in follow-up to UNSCR 2669 (2022). The United Kingdom as penholder has worked to build support for a new resolution over recent months. These efforts must urgently resume, with the current draft text updated to address the earthquakes, the broader humanitarian

crisis, and the military junta's continued failure to comply with 2669. New language should include embargoes on the sale, transfer and diversion of arms, munitions and other military equipment to the Myanmar military, demand that local and international rescue teams be given full and immediate access to all earthquake-affected areas, and call for scaled-up financial support to Myanmar.

SAC-M is grateful for your consideration, Secretary-General, and is ready to support your efforts. We intend to make this letter public after your receipt.

Sincerely,



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