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The Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP
Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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Dear Secretary of State,

The Special Advisory Council for Myanmar (SAC-M) writes to urge the United Kingdom as Security Council penholder on Myanmar to intensify its efforts on a new Security Council resolution in follow-up to UNSCR 2669 (2022).

In the three years that have passed since UNSCR 2669 was adopted, the Myanmar military junta has accelerated its targeted attacks against civilians, forcibly conscripted Myanmar youth, and obstructed and manipulated humanitarian access to disaster-hit areas following the catastrophic earthquakes of March 2025, Typhoon Yagi in 2024 and Cyclone Mocha in 2023.

The military junta also continues to treat the Security Council and ASEAN with contempt, rejecting both UNSCR 2669 and ASEAN's Five-Point Consensus and subsequent calls.

The military junta now plans to hold sham elections, scheduled to commence on 28 December 2025. This exercise would be illegitimate and will trigger widespread bloodshed.

The junta continues to arbitrarily detain more than 22,600 political prisoners, including President U Win Myint and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. It controls less than 40% of the territory of Myanmar and is unable to conduct inclusive elections, disenfranchising large segments of the population. In areas where voting can take place, levels of violence, displacement and denial of fundamental freedoms mean that the right to vote cannot be meaningfully exercised. Voting would be coerced rather than voluntary, for many. Furthermore, the junta has barred major political parties that won a super-majority of seats in 2020 from participating in the poll and has excluded representatives from ethnic and minority communities. Numerous military candidates are directly implicated in atrocity crimes. Any election it purports to conduct cannot be free and fair.

ASEAN has withheld its support from the junta's planned elections. In their latest 'Review and Decision on the Implementation of the Five-Point Consensus', adopted on 26 October 2025, ASEAN Leaders demanded that 'the cessation of violence and inclusive political dialogue must precede elections' in Myanmar. They also emphasised 'the importance of free, fair, peaceful, transparent, inclusive, and credible general elections'.

The United Kingdom has worked steadily to build support for a new Security Council resolution on Myanmar. These efforts must be intensified. The new text should:

- (a) call for a full and immediate cessation of military offensives across Myanmar and demand the immediate release of political prisoners
- (b) impose embargoes on the sale, transfer and diversion of arms, munitions and other military equipment to the Myanmar military
- (c) urge ASEAN, UN entities, Myanmar's neighbours and the international community to coordinate the delivery of humanitarian assistance by land, air and sea, including through cross-border channels and through ethnic and civil society organisations capable of reaching communities most in need
- (d) affirm, per UNSCR 2669, that democratic processes in Myanmar, including elections, must accord with the will and interests of the people and, per ASEAN, that the cessation of violence and inclusive political dialogue must precede elections
- (e) call for scaled-up direct financial and technical support to pro-democracy actors, ethnic and civil society organisations and newly displaced communities, and to address the broader humanitarian crisis, coordination, service delivery and reconstruction efforts
- (f) refer the situation in Myanmar to the International Criminal Court and encourage States to cooperate with international courts and accountability mechanisms on Myanmar.

The new text should also formally place Myanmar on the Security Council's agenda by requesting that the UN Secretary-General and the UN Special Envoy on Myanmar report on the implementation of the resolution every 60 days.

We have copied Ambassador James Kariuki CMG, Chargé d'Affaires, in this correspondence and also intend to make this letter public after your receipt.

Sincerely,



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