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UNGA Third Committee
Item 72 (c): Promotion and protection of human rights:
Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Investigative
Mechanism for Myanmar

Intervention for 22 October 2019

- Australia thanks the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar for the report on the progress and priorities of its work.
- Australia strongly supported the establishment of the Mechanism. We commend the UN's expeditious efforts to put in place arrangements for its operationalisation.
- We note with appreciation the Fact-Finding Mission's efforts to document human rights violations and look forward to the work of the Mechanism in taking this important mandate forward.
- Australia recognises the complex challenges in Myanmar and remains committed to assisting Myanmar to continue on a path of democracy and reconciliation.
- An important part of this is pursuing accountability for the atrocities committed in Myanmar and justice for the victims.
 - As the report notes, continued impunity is only likely to create conditions for further violence and deter those displaced from returning to their homes.
- We urge Myanmar to cooperate with the Mechanism as it carries out its mandate.

- We acknowledge that the Mechanism's mandate is substantial and its investigations will need to be thorough and comprehensive.
 - Australia will continue to support the Mechanism to pursue accountability for serious international crimes.
- Australia is interested to hear the Mechanism's views on how States can support its work.

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