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**Statement by Ambassador H.E. Mr. Htin Lynn,
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Myanmar
During the General Debate of the oral update of the High Commission of Human Rights
at the 36th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council
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Mr. Vice President,

- The terms “crimes against humanity” and “ethnic cleansing” carry very serious connotations.
- They can only be used in a most responsible manner. And they can only be founded on legal and judicial determinations. Democratic Myanmar shall never tolerate such atrocities.
- I would like to place on record, Myanmar’s strong objection to the use of such terms by the High Commissioner yesterday.
- Using such terms imprudently without concrete evidence would tarnish the credibility of the Office, fan the flame on the ground, widen the polarization between the relevant communities, and mislead the international community.

Mr. Vice President,

- The terrorist group so-called Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army-ARSA is inciting the people to leave their homes by giving false hope of resettlement in a third country. Tens of thousands of people from Rakhine, Hindu, Mro, Daingnet and Kaman communities are also in displacement. The Government is making every effort to provide indiscriminate humanitarian assistance in cooperation with ICRC, IFRC, UK, Denmark, US, Australia, EU and the UN country team.

Mr. Vice President,

- My government is full aware of the need to take swift and firm actions for a sustainable solution to Rakhine issue. In a few months’ time in the office, the government created the Advisory Commission led by Dr. Kofi Annan to this end. My government is fully committed to the implementation of its recommendations. The international community can best help Myanmar by joining hands in such implementation.
- Thank you, Mr. Vice President.
