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Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar

Note by the Secretariat

1.   By its resolution 39/2, the Human Rights Council established the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar to collect, consolidate, preserve and analyse evidence of the most serious international crimes and violations of international law committed in Myanmar since 2011, and to prepare files in order to facilitate and expedite fair and independent criminal proceedings, in accordance with international law standards, in national, regional or international courts or tribunals that had or might in the future have jurisdiction over those crimes, in accordance with international law. The Council also decided that the Mechanism would, inter alia, report on its main activities on an annual basis to the Council from its forty-second session and to the General Assembly from its seventy-fourth session.

2.   The General Assembly, in its resolution 73/264, welcomed the establishment of the Mechanism. The Assembly, in its resolution 74/246, called upon the United Nations to ensure that the Mechanism was afforded the flexibility it needed in terms of staffing, location and operational freedom so that it could deliver as effectively as possible on its mandate, and urged the Mechanism to swiftly advance its work and to ensure the effective use of evidence of the most serious international crimes and violations of international law collected by the independent international fact-finding mission on Myanmar.

3.   The Secretariat hereby informs the General Assembly that, pursuant to the decision of the Human Rights Council, the Mechanism submitted its report to the Council at its forty-fifth session (A/HRC/45/60). That report serves also as the report to the Assembly.

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