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### **Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives**

## **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. Subsequently, the Assembly, in its resolution [75/238](#), called upon the United Nations to ensure that the Mechanism was afforded the flexibility that it needed in terms of staffing, location and operational freedom so that it could deliver as effectively as possible on its mandate, and urged Myanmar, Member States, judicial authorities and private entities to cooperate fully with the Mechanism, including by granting it access and by providing it with every assistance in the execution of its mandate. Subsequently, the Assembly, in its resolution [78/219](#), requested the Secretary-General to assist the Mechanism's work by facilitating a dialogue during its seventy-ninth session and decided to continue to consider the situation of human rights in Myanmar based on the Mechanism's reports.

3. The Secretariat hereby informs the General Assembly that, pursuant to the request of the Human Rights Council, the Mechanism submitted its report to the Council at its fifty-seventh session (A/HRC/57/18). That report serves also as the report to the Assembly.

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\* [A/79/150](#).

