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Statement by Ms. Alice Wairimu Nderitu, Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide and Ms. M^o Bleeker, Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect, on the escalation of violence in Myanmar

(New York, 29 July 2024) The Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Alice Wairimu Nderitu, and the Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect, M^o Bleeker, express concern about the situation since the military coup in 2021 and are alarmed at the increase of violence and conflict across Myanmar. The situation has been under the close observation of the Office and in March 2021 the Special Adviser Wairimu Nderitu and the then UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michele Bachelet, issued a joint statement calling for an end to systemic impunity in Myanmar.

Converging reports indicate that serious crimes under international human rights and humanitarian law are being committed, notably the direct targeting of civilians with aerial and artillery bombardments,

the Armed Forces. Despite provisional measures ordered by the International Court of Justice in January 2020, Rohingya in Myanmar, including women and children, continue to suffer from targeted killings and indiscriminate violence, including by airstrikes, shelling, burning, landmines, and unexploded ordnance. OCHA reports that the humanitarian crisis

