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Statement

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Thank you, Madam Chair, and allow me, on behalf of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, to express our deepest condolences to the United Kingdom, Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal family on the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Phillip.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines remains deeply concerned about the ongoing violence in Myanmar. We urge the parties to bring an end to the violence and avoid further escalation. Emphasis must be placed on inclusive and constructive dialogue that will focus on restoring peace and stability in Myanmar as well as the protection of civilians. The killing, including of children, is unacceptable and must stop. These reprehensible actions cannot continue.

We reiterate our condemnation of the military coup and call for the immediate release of those arbitrarily detained.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the escalation of violence have further exacerbated the humanitarian situation. We reiterate the need to address the root causes of the crisis in the Rakhine State and to create conditions for a safe, voluntary, sustainable, and dignified return of the Rohingya people. The coup has disrupted the recovery from the pandemic and threatens the effective dissemination of COVID-19 vaccines. The people of Myanmar deserve a robust response to the COVID-19 pandemic and other long-standing issues.

To conclude, we reaffirm our commitment to working with the Special Envoy and the members of the Security Council to ensure a peaceful resolution of the conflict. We emphasize the need for all parties to engage in constructive dialogue and to urgently restore the civilian government. We welcome the agreement of ASEAN to hold an emergency Summit on Myanmar. Further, we recognize the significant role that ASEAN plays in the region and encourage the parties to recommit themselves to the principles in the ASEAN Charter, so that peace and security can prevail.