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Letter dated 28 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative
of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the French and English texts of the statement on Myanmar issued on 27 May 1991 by the European Community and its 12 member States.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 99 of the preliminary list.

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Annex

Statement on Myanmar issued on 27 May 1991
by the European Community

A year ago, free elections enabled the people of Myanmar to demonstrate in the clearest fashion their wish to see established a democratic, multi-party system.

At that time the Community and its member States expressed their satisfaction and called on the military rulers to respect the results of the elections. They called for power to be transferred without delay to a government designated by the newly elected parliament and for political leaders in detention to be released immediately.

The Community and its member States have, since then, through démarches and statements, made clear on several occasions their concern at the prolonged absence of a positive response from the authorities of Myanmar and at their continuing refusal to accept the request made by the elected representatives of that country for the initiation of a democratic process. The Community and its member States have condemned the numerous shortcomings in respect of internationally accepted rules of conduct and of human rights, the continuing harassment, detention and house arrest of opposition leaders, and the refusal to free political prisoners.

The Community and its member States take this opportunity to reiterate their appeal to the Military Government to bring about a democratic solution to the present situation in Myanmar and one which would respect the mandate given by the people on 27 May 1990. They confirm their readiness to re-establish constructive relations, including a resumption of their programmes of development assistance, with a Myanmar at last democratic and respectful of human rights.
