



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

27 August 2019

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (the “Myanmar Mechanism”), which was established by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 39/2 of 27 September 2018, and welcomed by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 73/264 of 22 December 2018, as well as my letter dated 16 January 2019, conveying the terms of reference of the Myanmar Mechanism.

Under paragraph 49 of the terms of reference, the “Secretary-General shall determine, in consultation with the Head of the Myanmar Mechanism, the date upon which the Myanmar Mechanism is deemed to be operational”.

Following the promulgation of the terms of reference, I appointed Mr. Nicholas Koumjian of the United States of America, as Head of the Myanmar Mechanism on 2 April 2019. Mr. Koumjian has been working in close coordination with the Secretariat to establish a core start-up team, hold introductory meetings, develop the concept of operations of the Myanmar Mechanism and recruit the necessary personnel for the Mechanism.

In light of the foregoing, I have the honour to inform you that, in consultation with the Head of the Myanmar Mechanism, I have determined that the Mechanism will be deemed to be operational as of 30 August 2019.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'António Guterres', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

António Guterres

His Excellency
Mr. Coly Seck
President of the Human Rights Council
Geneva