



**Intervention by H.E. Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič,  
Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations  
and Other International Organizations in Geneva  
during the 29<sup>th</sup> Special Session of the Human Rights Council  
“On the Human Rights Implications of the Crisis in Myanmar”  
*Geneva, 12 February 2021***

Madam President,

In these days, the Holy See has been following with great attention and deep concern the developments of the situation that has come about in Myanmar, a Country that, since the time of his Apostolic Visit in 2017, Pope Francis has carried in his heart with so much affection. In this most delicate moment, the Holy See wishes to assure once again its spiritual closeness, prayer and solidarity with the people of Myanmar.

The Holy See also implores that those who hold responsibility in the country will place themselves, and their actions, with sincere willingness at the service of the common good, of fundamental human and civil rights, of promoting social justice and national stability, for a harmonious, democratic and peaceful coexistence. The Holy See invites everyone to put aside all that stands in the way of the indispensable process of dialogue and mutual respect of human dignity.

The Holy See, in hoping for a peaceful and swift resolution to the ongoing tensions, remains confident that further dialogue may bring about such much desired peace.

Thank you, Madam President.