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Announcement of the Legal Counsel for the Gambia-Myanmar case at the International Court of Justice

The National Unity Government (NUG) takes seriously its duty to the victims of violence, and is committed to pursuing justice for all those who have been the victims of military aggression.

The case currently before the International Court of Justice concerning military operations against the Rohingya in 2016 and 2017 is therefore of the highest importance to the NUG and to all the people of Myanmar.

We have already announced the appointment of United Nations Ambassador U Kyaw Moe Tun as acting alternate agent, the only person authorised to engage with the Court on behalf of Myanmar.

The National Unity Government has also informed the Court of its decision to withdraw the preliminary objections, so as to proceed to consider the merits of the case.

We are today announcing new legal team to work with Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun and the National Unity Government to take forward Myanmar's case. This team consists of:

Professor Jean-Marc Thouvenin: Professor Thouvenin is Secretary-General of The Hague Academy of International Law, Associate Member of the Institut de Droit International, and Professor at the University Paris Nanterre. He is Member of the Board of the French Society for International Law and of the Editorial Board of the Annuaire Français de Droit International. He is a Partner of the Paris Law Firm Sygna Partners, and since 1992 has acted and acts as counsel and advocate before the International Court of Justice, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and the European Court of Justice.

Steven Powles QC: Mr Powles is a specialist criminal lawyer in international courts with particular expertise in human rights, false imprisonment and war crimes. He has appeared

before the European Court of Human Rights and other international tribunals, and is the author of a leading practitioner text on international law.

The NUG will work closely with its legal team to advance its case at the International Court of Justice.

At the same time, the National Unity Government continues to gather and submit evidence of human rights abuses. It has granted jurisdiction to the International Criminal Court for all crimes covered by the Rome Statute since 2002, and it seeks the support of all those who care about human rights and justice to work with it for the good of the people of Myanmar.

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