CZECH REP.

Thank you Mr. President,

the Czech Republic aligns itself with the questions raised by Slovenia on behalf of the European Union. We thank the Special Rapporteur for his reports and statement. In the national capacity we would like to ask the following questions:

1. It has been more than seven months since the drastic rise of commodities prices, that started the massive protests last year. In your report you mentioned that around 75 % of population expenses cover only food. This is a signal of worsening humanitarian situation hitting hard not only IDPs and minorities but already majority population. How much is this fact reflected by rising tensions in society, or rather how much evidence of it did you detect during your last visit and through later collected information?
2. One of worrying aspects mentioned in your report is the continuing lack of access of International Committee of the Red Cross to those in detention. We support your call on Myanmar authorities to allow ICRC this access. Is there any positive development on this issue?

Thank you.