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Dear Dr. Ramic:

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, thank you very much for writing in and expressing your concerns on the oppression of Myanmar's Rohingya Muslim people and other ethnic minorities.

The humanitarian crisis in Myanmar remains deeply concerning to Canadians. Civilians are fleeing for their lives in the face of great danger. Their safety and security must be protected. As our government has repeatedly said, the violence must end.

The Prime Minister spoke to State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi on September 13, during which time he raised grave concerns regarding the plight of the Rohingya, and emphasised the urgent need for Myanmar's military and civilian leaders to take a strong stand in ending the violence.

Subsequently, on September 18, the Prime Minister sent a letter to State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi underlining that the responsibility for resolving this crisis falls squarely upon her and on the military leadership of Myanmar, including Commander-in-Chief Min Aung Hlaing. He further emphasized holding all perpetrators of human rights violations accountable on the basis of independent and impartial investigation.

Minister Freeland has spoken to Myanmar authorities regarding the need to collectively exert pressure and support in finding solutions to end the violence in Myanmar. Furthermore, she has discussed the plight of the Rohingya with her counterparts including from Indonesia, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Bangladesh, the United States and the European Union.

Additionally, Minister Freeland has spoken with former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, during which time they discussed his August 2017 report to the Myanmar Government and the importance of the Government of Myanmar's acting upon the report's recommendations. The Canadian Ambassador to Myanmar, along with counterparts from like-minded countries have visited Rakhine State several times to take full stock of the situation.

On September 18, Minister Bibeau also participated in a roundtable aimed at identifying ways of addressing the unacceptable situation in Myanmar and she is recently returned from Bangladesh, meeting with Prime Minister Hasina and Canadian partners to leverage our long standing

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