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The Honorable Michael Pompeo
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
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Dear Secretary Pompeo:

As you prepare your agenda next week for the 73rd United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), we strongly urge you to publicly release the State Department's report on the atrocities committed against the Rohingya since August 2017. Releasing the report will demonstrate our strong commitment for accountability for the actions of the Burmese military in what appears to have been a well-orchestrated, brutal, and sustained campaign to cleanse Myanmar of a religious and ethnic minority, the Rohingya.

We commend the State Department's leadership and its extensive efforts under your leadership in investigating and documenting the scope and nature of the atrocities committed against the Rohingya. The Department's report is an important tool in the effort to advance accountability for these crimes and signal solidarity and compassion for the thousands of victims. In addition to the importance of the report for both executive branch and congressional policy consideration as we consider the best path forward with our Burma policy, a public release of the report will send a clear message to the Burmese authorities and the international community that the United States is committed to pursuing accountability for the Rohingya men, women and children subjected to the world's most heinous crimes.

We welcome your continued public engagement on this matter of moral and historical importance.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez
Ranking Member