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Furthermore, please repeal or amend all laws, including Section 505(b) of the Penal Code, which criminalize or impose arbitrary or sweeping restrictions on the human right to freedom of expression, and ensure that Myanmar legislation is brought into line with international human rights law and standards.

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Yours sincerely,

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