Your Excellency President Sein,

RE: Concern regarding the violence in North Rakhine State

The Equal Rights Trust is deeply concerned by the recent violence in North Rakhine State, Myanmar, which has resulted in hundreds of refugees attempting to flee the country. A statement published by the Trust yesterday – and enclosed with this letter – calls on all parties including the international community and UN Agencies to urgently act to protect the victims of this violence. ERT’s recommendations in this statement to the Union of Myanmar are reiterated below:

**ERT urges the Government of Myanmar to:**

- Urgently take all necessary steps to end the violence and protect all individuals within their territory and subject to their jurisdiction.
- Fully cooperate with UN agencies and the international community, to enable monitoring and documentation of the situation and the provision of humanitarian support to affected communities.
- Bring martial law in the region to an end as soon as possible.
- Conduct an impartial and transparent enquiry into the causes of the violence, with the objective of identifying and bringing the perpetrators to justice, compensating the victims and restoring damaged property.
- Take all necessary steps to ensure that history does not repeat itself, by ensuring equal access to justice, repealing discriminatory laws, restoring the rights of the Rohingya and establishing a clear path towards their citizenship and effective nationality.
In light of the growing number of voices both within Myanmar and internationally calling on Myanmar to uphold its international obligations by bringing an end to this violence and protecting the human rights of Rohingya living in Myanmar, ERT hopes that Myanmar will effectively address the situation in compliance with its international human rights law obligations.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosed: ERT Statement on Violence in North Rakhine State, 14 June 2012.