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Letter dated 18 October 2018 from the Permanent Representatives of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Equatorial Guinea and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Some Security Council members requested a Security Council briefing by the Chairperson of the Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar established by the Human Rights Council. Bolivia, China, Equatorial Guinea and Russia object strongly to it.

There is no precedence for the Security Council to invite a special mechanism on a country-specific issue of the Human Rights Council to brief, and it is also outside the mandate of the Fact-Finding Mission to brief the Security Council. Such an exercise will set a bad precedence for the Security Council in the future with serious negative consequences. This will also erode the mandate of the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council and duplicate the work of other United Nations bodies, since there is already a scheduled briefing by the Fact-Finding Mission to the Third Committee of the General Assembly next week.

We would be most grateful if you could circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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