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Dear ACMA International,

I understand that Chair and Agency Head ACMA, Nerida O'Loughlin, will participate in the Annual Asia Telecommunications and Media Forum 2022 later today, where she will speak on a panel about 'protecting citizens and consumers' with Than Htun Aung, Deputy Director General of Myanmar's Posts and Telecommunications Department.

As you are no doubt aware, the Myanmar military seized power in a coup d'état on 1 February 2021. The humanitarian, security, health and economic situation in Myanmar has dramatically worsened since this time, and the military regime continues to inflict horrific violence on the people of Myanmar. Media reports that the military regime has requested sensitive user data from telecommunications companies (e.g. see [Telenor has shared sensitive customer data with military since the coup: industry sources | Myanmar NOW \(myanmar-now.org\)](#)) and restricted access to media, with more restrictions likely to come down the track (e.g. see [Myanmar Junta Set to Pass Draconian Cyber Security Law – The Diplomat](#)). [REDACTED]

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**We would like to ask that if Ms O'Loughlin proceeds with participation in the event, that she flags Australia's serious concerns about the situation in Myanmar using the TPs below.** For context, it is our practice to take every appropriate opportunity to reiterate our concerns about Myanmar. Standard lines are as follows:

- I would like to take this opportunity to register Australia's grave concern about the dire and deteriorating situation in Myanmar
  - the ongoing crisis is devastating for Myanmar's people and destabilising for our region.
- As we mark one year since the military coup in Myanmar, Australia reiterates our calls on the military regime to cease violence, engage in dialogue and release all those arbitrarily detained, including Australian Professor Sean Turnell.
- We strongly support ASEAN's continued leadership to chart a course out of the crisis in Myanmar
  - we urge the Myanmar military regime to engage meaningfully with ASEAN and to implement the Five-Point Consensus swiftly and completely.

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Many thanks for your time and please don't hesitate to give me a call should you wish to discuss. Grateful also if you could confirm you have received this email and relayed advice.

Kind regards,

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