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MYANMAR: LETTER ON UN EDUCATION SUMMIT

A joint letter sent by Human Rights Watch to 193 countries on the United Nations Transforming Education Summit countersigned by 12 organizations including Amnesty International mistakenly addressed the letter to Myanmar military general Min Aung Hlaing as the country's prime minister. Other members of the military junta were incorrectly addressed as ministers and ambassadors.

Amnesty International neither consented nor had knowledge of this letter being addressed and sent to military general Min Aung Hlaing and other members of the military junta. Amnesty had agreed to sign a joint letter relating to a UN event on educational rights in New York but had only seen the sample text in the letter template. As Human Rights Watch has just acknowledged in a public expression of regret, it mistakenly addressed this letter to military general Min Aung Hlaing and other members of the military junta.

Amnesty International apologizes for this error, which is in no way a recognition of Min Aung Hlaing as Myanmar's head of state. Amnesty International has publicly named 13 individuals, including Min Aung Hlaing, who should face investigations for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

An Amnesty International [briefing](#) released last week found that authorities in Myanmar's prisons and interrogation centres routinely subject people detained for resisting the coup to torture and other cruel or degrading treatment.