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Mr Marzuki Darusman
Chairperson
Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar established pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 34/22
Palais des Nations
1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland

Re. the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar (IIFFIMM)

REFERENCE: IIFFMMY/CG/ha/155

Dear Mr Marzuki Darusman,

Thank you for your letter requesting information relevant to the mandate of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar (ILFFMM), which we are very happy to respond to.

## JTI commitment to respecting human rights

We support the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar (IIFFIMM) in its efforts to establish the facts and circumstances of the alleged recent human rights violations by military and security forces, and abuses, in Myanmar. As a company we are unequivocally committed to respecting human rights, and this commitment is placed firmly at the center of our sustainability strategy as an absolute requirement for all to follow. Furthermore, this commitment has been formalized through the JT Group Human Rights Policy which follows the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

## JTI Human Rights Impact Assessment in Myanmar

We have, as part of our Human Rights Policy, undertaken a Human Rights Impact Assessment in Myanmar in November 2018. This assessment, which covered both our operations and those of our suppliers and business partners, was conducted with the support from the global non-profit organization Business for Social Responsibility (BSR) who provide expert human rights advice for our human rights due diligence program. The assessment did not uncover any of the substantive issues mentioned in your letter.

## Our Operations in Myanmar

Myanmar Japan Tobacco Company Limited (MJT) is a member of the Japan Tobacco Group of Companies. MJT was incorporated in 2012 to manufacture and market cigarette brands such as MEVIUS, WINSTON and CAMEL for Myanmar as well as for certain export markets. MJT directly employs 240 people.

Should you wish any further information, we would be very happy to provide it.

Yours sincerely,

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