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MEDIA RELEASE MYANMAR AND THE ROHINGYA CRISIS

The Rohingya crisis is the largest humanitarian crisis in Australia's region. The recent UN Fact-Finding Mission found that war crimes, crimes against humanity, and likely genocide had occurred in Rakhine State.

Over recent engagements at the United Nations General Assembly and at the ASEM Summit, I have raised Australia's serious concerns in a series of meetings with international partners and senior officials. I also met recently with the International Committee of the Red Cross President Peter Maurer to discuss international efforts to alleviate the humanitarian impacts.

As previously indicated, I have now imposed targeted financial sanctions and travel bans against five Myanmar military officers responsible for human rights violations committed by units under their command. Details of these individuals are in the <u>Consolidated List</u> of people and entities subject to targeted sanctions under Australian laws.

Australia will continue to support the humanitarian needs of those affected, and to work with Myanmar and our partners in the region to encourage efforts towards a long term and durable solution to the crisis.

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