

**Statement by Adama Dieng, Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, and Jennifer Welsh, Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect, on the upcoming elections in Myanmar** UN Joint Office on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect 4 November 2015

On Wednesday, November 4, 2015, the Special Advisers from the United Nations joint office on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect released a joint statement on the upcoming elections in Myanmar that will take place this weekend, on Sunday, November 8.

In the statement, the Special Advisers drew attention to the treatment of Myanmar's minority Rohingya population in the run up to the election, stating that "silencing the voice of one sector of the population brings into question the integrity of any electoral process."

In confirming the vital importance of all sections of Myanmar society participating in the national vote, it was added that "religious minorities, including the Rohingya, are a part of Myanmar" and furthermore that, "building an inclusive and tolerant society is essential for democracy and long-term peace in the country."

Click [here](#) to read the full statement by the Special Advisers.