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Dear Ms. Magne,

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On 19-20 June, CIDSE and CCFD-Terre Solidaire, in cooperation with Secours Catholique and together with MISEREOR, will welcome in Brussels a delegation from Myanmar including two experts on foreign investment, land acquisition, natural resources and conflicts, Art. 4.1(b) of the Karen Environmental and Social Action Network and Art. 4.1(b) of Paung Ku.
(short biographies below)

On this occasion, we would like to request a meeting with you to discuss the EU-Myanmar Investment Protection Agreement currently under negotiation, informed by perspectives from the ground.

We recall with pleasure our prior meetings with Ms. Cécille Billaux and DG Trade officials in the context of work on the recently adopted EU conflict regulation.

Now, following conclusion of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, discussions on the first stand-alone investment agreement of the European Union are advancing towards a critical phase. As you well know, just last month the European Court of Justice ruled that Member States will need to ratify EU agreements containing investment provisions notably concerning dispute settlement (2/15).

In parallel, last December the European Parliament called global attention to the alarming situation of the Rohingya minority in Myanmar (2016/3027(RSP)). In

March, the EU subsequently initiated a resolution adopted by the UN Human Rights Council appointing an international fact-finding mission to look into alleged human rights abuses by the country's security forces against Rohingya Muslims.

We would like to take the opportunity of the visit of Art. 4.1(b) and Art. 4.1(b) to meet you for a discussion about the EU-Myanmar agreement, ethics in the investment context, the business contribution to development, and fair sharing of benefits from natural resources.

We would very much appreciate if we could fix an appointment with you and our partners either on Monday 19 or Tuesday 20 June. We are flexible with regards to time and place.

On 21 June, MISEREOR together with the German Institutes for Human Rights and for International and Security Affairs are organizing a **conference “Sustainability and Human Rights in Trade Policy – EU Trade Strategy and the Sustainable Development Goals”** at the Representation of Lower Saxony to the European Union in Brussels. The delegation will then travel to Berlin for meetings with German Parliamentarians and government representatives, organized by MISEREOR and Brot für die Welt.

Thanking you for your attention, and with best regards,

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In April 2017, CIDSE published a briefing on [“Human Rights in Trade and Investment Policies: The potential of a UN Treaty on transnational corporations and other businesses.”](#)

In 2015, 150 Church leaders from 40 countries on five continents signed a joint statement on the EU conflict minerals regulation supported by CIDSE, [“We need supply chain due diligence to stop complicity in funding conflicts.”](#)

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