Country Statement by His Excellency U Myo Myint Than, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Thailand at the 75th Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific On 28 May 2019 Theme: Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality

Mr. Chairman, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to deliver a statement at this auspicious occasion of the 75th Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Secretariat of ESCAP and its entire staff for excellent preparations and arrangements for the meetings and the hospitality provided to the participants.
I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate H.E. Mr. Damdin Tsogtbaatar, incoming Chair and its team for being elected to lead this session.

I am honoured to share through the country statement what the Government of Myanmar is implementing and undertaking to fulfil the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nation.

With the goal of the UN 2030 agenda: no one to leaving behind and all-inclusiveness, Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) was launched in August 2018.

The MSDP is structured around three pillars, five goals, 28 strategies and 251 action plans. All are firmly aligned with the SDGs, various regional, global commitments and 12 points Economic Policy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

To ensure inclusiveness and equality, we believe that it is important to effectively use of aid for the benefit of all including vulnerable and marginalised groups. In this regard, the government has established the Development Assistance Coordination Unit (DACU) in 2016, as a high-Level platform for coordination, policy development, and strategic decision-making in order to make use of aid projects for the
development of the country. The DACU is now the peak government body for decisions on aid and aid policy which is chaired by the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

As a result, Development Assistance Policy (DAP) was adopted in February 2018, it is a tool which will make the better and easier process than before for the flow of the international development assistance to Myanmar.

A new set of Sector Coordination Groups have been established to facilitate effective and coordinated development assistance within designated sectors.

I am glad to inform you that several projects have been implemented for economic and social development in Myanmar. The development projects for maternal, newborn child health, communicable diseases and health systems strengthening are being implemented with the cooperation of the Ministry of Health and Sports and UNOPS under the 3MDG Fund.

To improve the standard of living of the rural people, to create jobs and to generate income, the development projects in the areas of livelihood, skill development, agriculture, financial inclusion, migration and nutrition have been conducting in collaboration with the line Ministries.
Current UNDP Country Programme (2018-2022) is being undertaking the areas of Sustainable Peace and Effective Governance and Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Growth and Development.

Myanmar needs to address structural adjustment in various sectors including the agricultural sector to remain competitive. Thus strategy and action plans are formulated in Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan.

Poverty reduction and human resource development which includes people empowerment are given priorities of the State and as a result, the poverty trend is declined.

Myanmar has been making significant economic reforms by adopting twelve points economic policy with the purpose of achieving sustainable development to accelerate economic development at the Macro level which is a need of poverty reduction. To end the poverty of a country, it is important to create better life for each poor household.

In view of full, effective and timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Myanmar would like to reaffirm its commitment to work closely with
the international community through strengthening partnership.

I thank you.