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General Statement after the vote by Ambassador Hau Do Suan,
Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations
on the draft resolution A/C.3/74/L.29 "The Situation of Human Rights of the Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar"
at the Third Committee of the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly
(New York, 14 November 2019)

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to thank those delegations who stood firm with us in voting against the draft resolution L.29, those remained abstain, and those who did not participate in the voting to demonstrate their courage to resist the attempt of certain major groupings in the UN systems to dictate by force and exerting their political agenda on small developing member countries.

The results of the voting reflects the divisive nature of country-specific resolutions. My delegation is not surprised nor discouraged by the result of the vote, instead learned a lesson, again, how some member states use the power of block voting to exert pressures on other member countries for their political agenda. The adoption of the discriminatory draft resolution demonstrates the failure to uphold the principle of sovereign equality of nations, undermining impartiality and fairness, and application of double standards and exceptionalism and selectivity in addressing the humanitarian and human rights issues. No nation should be made to feel that its value in the UN is decided by the degree of material wealth and political influence it can muster.

When considering the situation of a particular issue of a nation, we must take into consideration each nation's particular circumstances: its unique historical, cultural and political complexities, and the opportunities and challenges lie in its way. While the primary responsibility to safeguard the sprouts of rights and freedom of the people rests with the government, the international

community should render necessary support to governments to build up their capacity in fulfilling their responsibility.

Mr. Chairman,

It is regrettable that this resolution has been adopted yet again despite its dubious, ill-intentioned, selective and politically motivated nature. It will certainly not help solve the issue of Rakhine State but will lead to further polarization and escalation of tensions among different religious communities in the country, resulting in further aggravated trust deficit. It will further create confrontation than cooperation.

Building trust and understanding among different communities will need time and space. It cannot be achieved overnight nor imposed from outside. The government is doing all it can despite many constraints and challenges to build peace, harmony and national reconciliation.

Myanmar firmly opposed any politicization of human rights or humanitarian issues. Therefore, my delegation strongly rejects the resolution and would not be bound by its provisions.

However, as a responsible member, Myanmar will continue to work with the United Nations through constructive engagement and cooperation for the benefit of its people.

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