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Statement by Ambassador Hau Do Suan, Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations on Agenda Item 39: "Necessity of Ending the Economic, Commercial and Financial Embargo Imposed by the United States of America Against Cuba".
(6 November 2019)

Mr. President,

Myanmar delegation welcomes Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, His Excellency Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla who is present here today. Myanmar aligns itself with the statements made on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement, G-77 and China, and ASEAN respectively.

It is sad, Mr. President, that we have, once again, to take the floor in this Assembly Hall, joining the resounding call to end the unilateral economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States against Cuba for the past 57 years.

Mr. President,

Myanmar believes in the sacrosanct principles of international relations i.e sovereign equality, non-interference in the internal affairs of other states and peaceful settlement of disputes as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. We are always against the extraterritorial application of the blockade and politicization of human rights issues, which are against the international law.

Myanmar knows very well from its own experience that embargo or sanction imposed on a country for political objectives only wroughts negative effects to the lives of ordinary people.

For too long, Cuban people have endured economic hardship because of the unilateral embargo. They have been deprived of their rights to development. The hardest hit are the most vulnerable group of women and children whose well being

and enjoyment of their inherent human rights should not be subjected by political confrontations.

History has taught us hostility, political pressures and coercive measures never help promote human rights. Mutual respect, mutual understanding and cooperation will only pave the way for peace and prosperity, justice and equality thereby enabling enjoyment of human rights.

We believe that normalization of relationship between the U.S and Cuba will open the great opportunity of peace and prosperity for the two neighbouring countries, and will extend the benefit to the whole region.

We are confident that the eventual lifting of the embargo imposed against Cuba would create conducive economic environment for Cuba to realize its full development potential.

Mr. President,

We strongly hope that the two great nations and peoples of the United States and Cuba have the wisdom, courage and ability to address this protracted political problem between them and to enter into a new chapter of friendship and cooperation for the good of their peoples through dialogue. We urge the U.S and Cuba to revive and continue constructive engagement of 2016 reproeachment.

As a friend of both countries, Myanmar will continue to support every constructive effort to end this 57- year long embargo as soon as possible.

With this spirit of hope and goodwill, and as we have done in the past 27 years, my delegation will vote in favour of the draft resolution A/74/L.6 in calling for ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the U.S against the Republic of Cuba.

Thank you.

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