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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation associates itself with the statements made by the distinguished representative of South Africa on behalf of G-77 and China, and the distinguished representatives of Viet Nam and the distinguished representative of Bangladesh on behalf of ASEAN and the LDCs respectively.

Mr. Chairman,

Myanmar attaches great importance to the development cooperation and operational activities of the United Nations system, which play a significant role in assisting the national endeavors for socio-economic development in 177 developing countries and territories.

We are deeply appreciative of the development assistance rendered by the United Nations operation activities, particularly in the developing countries' efforts in poverty alleviation and reaching the targets of MDGs. We firmly believe that the United Nations system will play a more important role in our future **endeavours** in implanting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and 17 SDGs.

At a time of growing gap between the growing needs for development assistance and dwindling resources, we hardly need to stress the need to continued improvement in effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and impact, along with a significant increase in resources of the UN operational activities. We wish to highlight once again the importance for the operational activities to ensure and promote national ownership and to be always in line with development policies and priorities of the recipient countries. It is also vital to strengthen national capacity building in developing countries to enable them to address long-term development challenges.

Mr. Chairman,

As we are transiting from MDGs to SDGs, most United Nations entities have made efforts to align their strategic frameworks with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review. In executing its mandate for development, the UN system will not be able to carry out effectively its operational activities without the support of adequate funding. We share the concern about the continuing trend of stagnation in funding for UN operational activities in recent years and the growing imbalance between core and non-

core resources. Availability of sustainable and predictable funding is essential for effective planning and implementation of the operational activities for development.

Therefore, we would like to join other developing countries in urging donor countries and development partners to honour their commitment to provide financing for UN operational activities, particularly in core resources in order to ensuring the independence and neutrality of the UN system.

Mr. Chairman,

We share the view that the Delivering as One (DAO) approach could bring a number of benefits including cost effectiveness, better coordination, avoidance of overlapping and more importantly enhancement of ownership of the recipient Governments. Therefore, my delegation is of the opinion that a more harmonized United Nations approach should include the principles and elements of the Delivering as One approach in conformity with national policies and priorities and also in line with the QCPR. We also hope that the next QCPR should focus more to meet the objectives of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs.

Mr. Chairman,

North-South Cooperation plays a central role in the global partnership for development. My delegation also believes in the benefits and capability of South-South and triangular cooperation which can boost the national development efforts in various fields especially in the sharing of knowledge, experience and best practices of economic development efforts from countries in Asia and other regions. We always adhere to the view of the Group of 77 and China that South-South Cooperation should not be a substitute for the North-South Cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

After long deprivation of a regular country programme, Myanmar was provided with the current UNDP country programme (2013-2015) for the first time in nearly two decades. The Programme aims to support attainment of Myanmar's development priorities, particularly in poverty reduction, democratic transformation and promoting

human rights through capacity development of national institutions. This programme is also in consistent with the United Nations Strategic Framework (UNSF) 2012-2015. Myanmar is deeply appreciative of the UNDP Resident Coordinator's leadership in Myanmar in rendering assistance for the overall development for the needy State, capacity building for the democratic institutions and as well as for the emergency and recovery assistance for the people affected by the severe and extensive floods and landslides this year.

As we come to the end of the current country programme, it is crucial to adopt a new country programme as soon as possible to keep up the momentum of development cooperation and providing much needed social and humanitarian assistance. We hope that the new Country Programme will also take into consideration the enormous needs of assistance for recovery and reconstruction of infrastructure of the flood hit areas in many parts of the country. The new Country Programme must also bear in mind that Myanmar is a country listed as LDC, struggling to get graduated from the group. We would like to request the international development partners to increase **funding** for the United Nations operational activities to help the least developed countries affected by natural disasters.

In this regard, my delegation would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciations to UNDP, UNOCHA, WFP and other UN agencies for providing humanitarian assistance to the victims of recent devastating floods and landslides that hit across Myanmar. The Government of Myanmar will continue to work more closely with the UN for recovery and rehabilitation of the affected areas.

I wish to thank the UNDP in Myanmar for holding a Social Good Summit in Yangon on 26 September this year to raise awareness on the newly adopted Sustainable Development Goals. The Summit was held with a specific target to young people and focus on how they can engage with the global goals. We hope that the young participants will be instrumental in spreading the SDGs message among their respective communities to enhance people's participation and partnership, thereby

contributing to the national effort for successful implementation of the Development Goals.

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to conclude by expressing our appreciations to the United Nations for providing assistance through UNDP country programmes, especially for poverty alleviation and socio-economic development of Myanmar. We look forward to putting on normal footing our relations with the United Nations soon to embark on a new level of its existing cooperation with the UN for inclusive sustainable development, as the country further advances its ongoing democratic transition in the post-election era.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.
