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**Statement**

**By**

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**of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations**

**at**

**the Fifth Meeting of the Stakeholders of the Peacebuilding Fund**

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Mr. Chair,

First of all, my delegation wishes to express its appreciation to you for organizing the fifth annual stakeholders meeting of the PBF. I also thank the Deputy Secretary-General Mr. Jan Eliason for his opening remarks and other speakers for their presentations.

Since its establishment in 2006, the PBF has evolved into an institution demonstrating its ability to support activities, programmes and organizations that seek to build a lasting peace in countries emerging from conflict. The Fund has gradually strengthened its role as a critical tool in urgent peace building efforts with the growing support of donors and the host countries.

Myanmar is a country undergoing a peaceful democratic transition since over four years ago. At the same time, the government is striving for national reconciliation and peace process with all ethnic armed groups. In fact, Myanmar is not in a situation of armed conflict like other host countries that urgently need critical peace building.

The government is fully committed to finding a lasting peace and seriously engaging in peace process with 16 ethnic armed groups as part of its efforts for national reconciliation. It has resulted in signing of a draft text of nationwide ceasefire agreement on 31 March 2015. The eventual signing of the Agreement would pave the way for political dialogue which would lead to promote peace, stability and economic cooperation to bring about all-inclusive development for the people.



In this process, Myanmar has benefitted from the support of PBF which complement other donors' support in setting up the Myanmar Peace Centre. As a host country, Myanmar places its great interest in the work of the Peace Building Commission. The initial funding for the country was agreed by the UN Secretary General during his visit to Myanmar in May 2012.

We thank the PBF for funding three projects in Myanmar totaling 3.6 million dollars during 2012 and 2013. These projects have contributed to some extent the work of the Government's efforts in implementation of Action Plan for ending the underage recruitments, the launching of the Myanmar Peace Centre as well as for the establishment of the Centre for Diversity and National Harmony. These projects were implemented mostly by UN Agencies.

My delegation, while thanking the Fund's support, wishes to see the Fund's projects activities be more transparent and driven more by the host country governments. The Commission should also make sure that projects funded by PBF also be designed to meet the needs of the recipient countries. We hope that those projects would also go beyond holding workshops and seminars and should focus more to assist the government's herculean tasks for resettlement and socio-economic development activities in the affected areas that would help consolidate peace.

In this regard, my delegation hardly needs to stress the important role of sustained contributions of donor community. We hope that generous contributions by the donor community, providing national leadership and implementing projects with full consultations with host country will ensure the greater effectiveness of this important component of UN peacebuilding architecture. I thank you, Mr. Chair.