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**Mr. President,**
**Mr. Executive Director,**
**Members of the Executive Board,**
**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Allow me to congratulate you, Mr. President, and the other members of the Bureau on your elections to the Presidency of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

At the outset, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Executive Director of UNFPA for his comprehensive statement.

UNFPA has been one of the long standing and significant partners of Myanmar. UNFPA's ongoing country programme is very much in line with the government's priorities as it focuses on four key programme areas; sexual and reproductive health (including HIV/AIDS), youth and adolescents, gender equality and women's empowerment and population dynamics. Being the significant driving forces of countries' socio-economic development, we are thankful to UNFPA's cooperation and assistance in these sectors, particularly for UNFPA's significant contribution to Myanmar's development by collaborating with the government in the National Population and Housing Census plan in 2014 and also for the healthcare assistance to help reduce maternal and child mortality especially in remote areas of the country. As the current programme is about to expire at the end of this year, we are looking forward to working closely with UNFPA in the formulation of its next country programme.

**Mr. President,**

In 2015, we adopted an ambitious, universal and transformative agenda for sustainable development with the aim of ending poverty and promoting shared prosperity in a better-conserved environment by 2030. For many member states, particularly the Least Developed Countries, achieving the SDGs and other international development aspirations require tremendous efforts by means of dynamic international partnerships.

Therefore, Myanmar underscores the importance of coordinated, coherent, effective and efficient operational activities for development within the UN Development System that would better contribute to our implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this context, we look forward to UNFPA Strategic Plan (2018-2021) that complements national development needs and priorities as guided by the recently adopted the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review.

With this in mind, my delegation welcomes the forthcoming briefing on the UNFPA this afternoon and looks forward to working closely on the process.

Finally, my delegation would like to express once again our appreciation to the UNFPA, the Executive Board and the donor countries for their kind support to Myanmar. We look forward to further strengthening our partnership.

I thank you.

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