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to the United Nationsin the Fifth Committee
on Agenda item 136 and 72 (c): Proposed Programme Budget for the biennium 2018-2019 and Promotion, and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives
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Mr. Chair,

- Thank you for giving me the floor.

- I am taking the floor in connection with the PBI (A/C.5/72/13) arising out of the Third Committee resolution entitled "Situation of human rights in Myanmar" (A/C.3/72/L.48).To pursue the decision contained in operative paragraph 10 of the draft resolution to appoint a Special Envoy on Myanmar additional requirements in the amount of US Dollar 1,541,100 is estimated to arise for 2018 in the biennium 2018-2019.

Mr. Chair,

- Myanmar consistently opposes any county specific resolution in the Third Committee of the General Assembly. Such action contravenes the principle of the United Nations to avoid overlapping mandates in the system whereby creating extra budget implication to the Organization.

- Moreover, my delegation has voted against the draft resolution L.48 because the draft resolution is selective, discriminatory and politically motivated with the ill intention of exerting unwarranted political pressure on Myanmar.

- A Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Myanmar has already been appointed the mandate of which was first established in 1992 under the Commission on Human Rights Resolution 58 and extended annually. Human Rights Council Resolution 31/24 adopted 24 March 2016 broadened the mandate to include identifying benchmarks for progress and priority areas for technical assistance and capacity-building.

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- In addition, an international Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar was also established on 30 May 2017 through Human Rights Council Resolution 34/22.
- As a responsible member of the United Nations, Myanmar has always been extending its full cooperation to the UN systems with the objective to building constructive engagement based on mutual respect and cooperation in promotion and protection of human rights.
- My delegation does not believe that any political mission established without the consent or cooperation of the country concerned would produce any positive and tangible result. It would be yet another squandering of the UN's scarce resources.
- The UN should rather allocate its limited budget towards alleviation of poverty and development for millions of people from developing countries around the world in order to achieving the goals of 2030 agenda to leave no one behind.

Mr. Chair,

- My delegation would like to request that this statement be included in the official record of the meeting and published as an annex to the final report.

- I thank you.