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Statement by Ms. Zar Zar Min Thaw, Counsellor
Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
to the United Nations at the 2017 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities in New York, on 6 November 2017

Mr. President,

At the outset, my delegation would like to thank for giving me the floor and warmly congratulates you for your election as the President of the 2017 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and all officers who have been elected.

Mr. President,

Myanmar appreciates the critical role of the United Nations in its coordinated and sustainable response to the development needs of member countries. The United Nations operational activities for development are essential in providing vital support to the developing countries.

Myanmar believes that the implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review, the follow-up and monitoring of the implementation will be crucial to ensuring that developmental benefits are accrued by the communities who are most in need around the world. An important part of this evaluation will be the work of the interim coordination mechanism for system-wide evaluation of operational activities for development.

Myanmar delegation would like to see a strengthened role of the UN operational activities for development to enable them to enhance their assistance to developing countries in their efforts for achieving their development goals. It is also important for the global communities to underscore that poverty eradication still remains the over-riding priority for

developing countries. In this regard, the capacity of the operational activities of the United Nations should be enhanced to deliver more assistance to developing countries in their implementation of the ambitious, transformational and objectives of the 2030 Development Agenda with leaving no one behind.

As we are implementing the 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.

I am therefore pleased to announce that as a token of appreciation and to demonstrate our continued support to the UN development activities, the Government of Myanmar pledges to make its modest contributions to the United Nations funds and programmes for the year 2018 as follows:

-	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	- MM Ks 1,080,000 (equivalent to USD 900)
-	UNDP Local Office Cost	- MM Ks 660,000 (equivalent to USD 550)
-	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	- USD 3,000
-	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	- USD 2,000
-	Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP)	- USD 1,000
-	United Nation Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)	- USD 5,000
-	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	- USD 5,000

I thank you Mr. President.