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Mr. Chairman,

1. Myanmar aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of ASEAN and NAM.

2. Today's world has been threatened by the proliferation of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, which are extremely dangerous and destructive to the international peace and security. They are also posing the horrible threat to the very existence of mankind and the survival of the civilization.

3. States have deep concerns over a wide range of security, humanitarian and socio-economic consequences arising from proliferation of nuclear weapons and other WMDs within and beyond the region.

4. The regional disarmament approaches are fundamental in the process of global disarmament and non-proliferation instruments through national capacity-building and the outreach and advocacy initiatives.

Mr. Chairman,

5. Increasing confidence-building, improving transparency and developing efficient verification capabilities related to nuclear disarmament and elimination of WMDs are vital. In this regard, Governments, the UN, other international and regional organizations and civil society need to further consolidate their cooperation.

6. Myanmar reaffirms the importance of regional nuclear-weapon-free zones to the existing global non-proliferation regime. We continue to support the ongoing efforts toward the establishment of such zones, especially in the Middle East. In this regard, we welcome the decision to convene next month the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and other Weapons of Mass Destruction under GA resolution 73/546.

7. We call upon all nuclear weapon States and concerned non-NWSs to ratify related protocols to all treaties establishing nuclear weapon free zones in order to fulfill the objectives of the denuclearization status of these zones.

8. Myanmar also reiterates its firm commitment to preserve our region as Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and free of all other weapons of mass destruction as enshrined in the SEANWFZ Treaty and the ASEAN Charter. We stress the importance of the full and effective implementation of the SEANWFZ Treaty, including under the Plan of Action to Strengthen the Implementation of the SEANWFZ (2018-2022).

9. Furthermore, Myanmar remains committed to actively working together with all ASEAN member countries to implement the regional disarmament initiatives of ASEAN.

10. Myanmar fully support the efforts made by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), its Regional Disarmament Branch (RDB) and the three United Nations Regional Centers, particularly the Regional Centre in Asia and the Pacific-(UNRCPD) for its assistance to Member States in the region, focusing on practical assistance and capacity-building in order to contribute to national and regional efforts towards arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation.

Mr. Chairman,

11. Regional disarmament plays the important role in global disarmament regime. It is the main driving force for the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free-world. Therefore, we call for all member states for their sustained efforts to promote dialogue, confidence-building, peace and disarmament education in the region to make progress on the entire range of disarmament issues for the materializing our goal of maintaining and promoting the international peace and security. We would also like to encourage all member states to further strengthen cooperation in good faith towards a world free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

12. I thank you.

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