

Workshop on United Nations human rights treaties
organized by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Regional Office for South East Asia has been continuously engaging with Myanmar to support its efforts to strengthen protection and promotion of human rights. In this context, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and OHCHR jointly organized a workshop in consultation and preparation process for the ratification of international human rights treaties, in Nay Pyi Taw on 9-10 July 2014. The workshop focused on the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment and Punishment (CAT) and the Optional Protocol to the Rights of the Child (CRC OP) on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Officials from relevant Ministries, Advisers to the President Office, Members of Hluttaws (Parliaments) from Bill Committee, Fundamental Rights of Citizen, Democracy and Human Rights Committee and Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee, representatives from Union Attorney General Office, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, Other UN agencies and international resource persons participated in the event.

The objectives of the workshop were to familiarize stakeholders with the necessary steps and procedures to be followed in preparation for the ratification: to raise awareness about State obligations with regard to implementation of the treaty provisions, as well as monitoring and reporting mechanisms: to increase understanding about the linkage of the treaty body system with other human rights instruments/mechanisms, such as Universal Periodic Review and special procedures of the Human Rights Council: to promote a coordinated approach to implementation of human rights obligations: and to increase the understanding of the role of national human rights institution and civil society in the treaty ratification, monitoring, reporting and implementation process.

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