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**Statement by Mr. Hau Khan Sum,
Ambassador/ Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Myanmar
at the 36th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council
Geneva, 29 September 2017**

Mr. President,

- We continue to believe that the establishment of fact-finding mission is not helpful because it is not in line with the situation on the ground and do no good against finding a solution to Rakhine issue.
- With this conviction, Myanmar **has dissociated** herself from Resolution 34/22 particularly from Para 11 to establish and dispatch an independent international fact-finding mission.

Mr. President,

- The Government of Myanmar is taking concrete actions on the ground in response to the concerns on the situation in Rakhine State expressed by the international community.
- Myanmar attaches paramount important to addressing the tension in Rakhine state by finding a sustainable solution for the well-being of members of all communities in Rakhine State.
- With this objective, our government established the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State led by Dr Kofi Annan and committed to the implementation of every single recommendation that will benefit peace, harmony and development in the Rakhine State with the shortest time possible. Unfortunately, less than 48 hours of the release of the Commission's report, the so-called ARSA terrorist group launched organized deadly attacks against 30 police outposts and one regimental headquarters.
- Myanmar's strong aspiration and determination to fulfill the recommendations becomes more and more tangible as the Government formed the Committee to Implement the Recommendations led by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on 12th of September.

- On 22nd of September, our State Counsellor met with the Members of the Implementation Committee and decided some important points for the way forward including the repatriation of those who had fled Myanmar to Bangladesh based on mutual agreement between the two countries in 1993;
- There have been no more conflicts and no clearance operation at all in Rakhine State since 5th of September. The Government has been providing indiscriminate humanitarian assistance expeditiously to all communities affected by the terrorist attacks including with cooperation of “Red Cross Movement”.
- We are working closely with ASEAN member states. The ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) shall work with Myanmar Government-led mechanism which will deliver humanitarian assistance to all displaced inhabitants without discrimination.
- The government has been making every possible effort to promote development and communal harmony between all communities in Rakhine state. At this critical juncture, cooperation, support and understanding of the international community are vital to achieve peace, stability and harmony in the Rakhine State.

Mr. President,

- With regard to the decision, a couple of preambular paragraphs are attempting to re-write the mandate of the Fact-Finding Mission and to bring it in a different direction. Additionally, they are already prejudging the outcome even before the Mission is yet to submit its interim report in March 2018.
- It is our firm belief that extending the mandate of Fact-Finding Mission shall be counterproductive in our efforts to achieve national reconciliation as well as in restoration of peace, stability and development in Rakhine State.
- Therefore, we strongly reject the inclusion of some paragraphs in the decision and, **dissociate** ourselves from the decision A/HRC/36/ L.31 Rev.1 **as a whole.**

I thank you, Mr. President.