# Conclusion Statement by H.E. Mr. Htin Lynn Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Myanmar at the Committee on the Application of Standards 107th International Labour Conference (GB Room- ILO) Geneva, 5 June 2018

## Mr. Chairperson,

- 1. I have listened all interventions very carefully. The Myanmar delegation will be taking those views, advises and concerns back to Myanmar for due consideration with a view to achieving better compliance with C87.
- 2. Although Myanmar has been a state party to C 87 since 1955, we were able to enact a domestic law on freedom of association only in 2011. As a result, over 2,700 (2756) Workers' and Employers' Organizations are formed up-to-date. More organizations means more voices of workers and better collective bargaining.
- 3. As Myanmar continues to improves its Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Law, it is heartening to inform the meeting that tripartite spirit which is the hallmark of this organization is high in Myanmar. Newly learned and developed culture of tripartite dialogue is progressing well in the country.
- 4. Based on this tripartite spirit, three Technical Working Groups on Decent Work Country Programme, Labour Law Reform and Communication Strategy Development were established under the National Tripartite Body. All suggestion and views made by the Committee at this meeting will be discussed by the Labour Law Reformed Technical Working Group.

#### Mr. Chairperson,

5. Stakeholders Forums are important platforms for tripartite interaction. They were held three times in 2015, 2016 and 2018 respectively with the support of development partners. In this connection, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the United States of America, Japan, Denmark and European Union and the ILO for making such forums possible. The local and international stakeholders participated in these forums which aim to identify the problems and challenges of labour affairs as priorities, to share global experiences and to support in minimizing the gaps. As the outcome of these forums, we were able to amend the 2011 Labour Organization Law.

### Mr. Chairperson,

6. Our Labour Law Reform Process of tripartite interaction can be seen as half glass full or half glass empty. If we look at the labour rights situation of the past and compare it with the present one, I believe it is half glass full. No doubt, more needs to be done. We shall be making gradual and incremental approach in realizing of our compliance with C87.

#### Mr. Chairperson,

7. Bringing domestic laws in better conformity with international labour standards is a goal set by the Government and it is achievable through tripartism.

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