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**Statement by Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun , Permanent Representative of Myanmar,
at the consideration of the draft resolution submitted by the European Union on the
Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar
at the 40th Session of the Human Rights Council
(Geneva, 22 March 2019)**

Mr. President,

My delegation strongly rejects the draft resolution L.19, entitled “Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar”, submitted by the EU. The reasons why we reject the draft resolution are:

First, the EU’s justification for the draft resolution is mainly based on the one-sided narratives, highly politicized and seriously flawed reports of the FFM and the Special Rapporteur that Myanmar has categorically objected.

Second, the draft resolution clearly demonstrates its intent to garner international pressure against Myanmar by passing one resolution after resolution and heaping mechanism over mechanism on our country. It contains a number of paragraphs, based on sweeping allegations, aiming to impose unprecedented discriminatory scrutiny on Myanmar by abusing various UN mechanisms under the name of human rights. Today, Myanmar is under the scrutiny of multiple UN mechanisms.

Third, the tone and tenor of the draft resolution demonstrates a total disregard for the dignity, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of a sovereign state. It is seen a “classic example” of double standards and, selective and discriminatory application of human rights norms on a developing country in democratic transition.

Fourth, although the draft resolution is labelled “Situation of human rights in Myanmar”, a large number of paragraphs narrowly focus, with negative perspective, on the rights of a particular group in Rakhine. Myanmar will never allow any attempt that can have negative impact for the social cohesion and unity among different ethnic and religious communities in the country.

Fifth, the EU’s draft resolution sows the seeds of mistrust and further polarization not only among different communities in the country in particular in Rakhine but also between Myanmar and the international community. It is imbued with retributive and punitive undertone than seeking solution, understanding and reconciliation.

Sixth, the draft resolution deliberately ignored the threat of terrorism which is the real cause of present humanitarian situation. This calls for a great concern with regard to the true intention and sincerity of the cosponsors.

Seventh, as a principle, Myanmar is against country-specific resolutions.

Mr. President,

Although some paragraphs acknowledge and welcome only a few parts from many positive developments on the ground, the aforementioned factually-flawed, intrusive, politically driven sovereignty-infringing paragraphs have far surpassed them.

Here, I wish to stress that, the adoption of yet another ill-intentioned, selectively targeted and politically motivated resolution will not help Myanmar. If there is genuine will, there is room for the EU and other cosponsors to play a more constructive role in assisting Myanmar's democratic transition. Constructive approach and genuine cooperation are vital important for the promotion and protection of human rights.

Against this background, Myanmar categorically rejects the draft resolution L.19. Myanmar shall not be bound by this unfair resolution.

Mr. President,

To conclude, the government and people of Myanmar are firmly committed to continue working towards achieving our goal of building a democratic federal union.

We are also resolute to finding a sustainable solution to the issue in Rakhine State.

We continue to welcome the constructive cooperation with sincere intention from the international community to help us in this regard.

I wish to express our Government's sincere gratitude to those delegations standing firm on their principled position and request the member states of the Council to vote against the draft resolution.

I thank you.
