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Mr. President,

At the outset, allow me to express my sincere appreciation for convening this important session.

This year marks the first anniversary of the unanimous adoption of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals by which the world leaders ambitiously committed to end poverty, address inequalities and tackle climate change over the next 15 years.

We fully recognize that the 2030 Agenda is people-centered, universal and transformative. We find that the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets are well balanced to formulate our aspiration for the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental dimensions. I would like to underscore the importance of the Goals and targets to meet the needs of all nations and peoples, and above all, for the humanity.

Mr. President,

We believe that the role of HLPF as a crucial UN platform to follow-up and review the 2030 Agenda for SDGs, will contribute significantly to our full and effective implementation of the Agenda. It is set to provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for the implementation, facilitate the sharing of experiences and best practices and comprehensively promote coherence and coordination of the sustainable development policies within the United Nations system.

In this context, Myanmar wishes to underscore the existence of unique circumstances and constraints encountered by countries and for that, Myanmar appreciates and supports the HLPF for its principled approach of avoiding imposition of all forms of coercive economic measures against developing countries.

Myanmar is undergoing political, economic and social transformation. And we are addressing the root causes of poverty. As we suffer decades-long internal armed

conflicts, the government's top priority is to achieve sustainable peace throughout the country. To this aim, Myanmar is working towards all inclusive peace conference which is expected to take place in August, while addressing critical constraints and challenges in the economy. The government is focusing on building human resources and capacity, creating an enabling economic environment, expanding access and connectivity and enhancing resilience for natural disasters.

Mr. President,

Many LDCs continue to face multiple structural challenges and obstacles of development. As guided by the Istanbul Programme of Action, the global commitment to address these special needs of the LDCs remains important in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We believe that sustained and effective partnerships are essential in helping LDCs overcome challenges and reduce vulnerabilities. In view of full, effective and timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Myanmar would like to reaffirm its commitment to work closely with the international community and strengthen partnership.

Taking this opportunity, I wish to thank and congratulate the 22 countries for voluntarily sharing their experiences along various stages of implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

In concluding, Myanmar looks forward to the strengthened cooperation and collaboration with the international community and relevant stakeholders in order that no one is left behind in the implementation of the SDGs.

I thank you.

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