

**Statement by His Excellency Mr. San Lwin,
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His Excellency Mr. President, Excellency Ministers, and Distinguished Delegates,

At the outset, on behalf of Myanmar delegation, I would like to extend my warm congratulations to you on your election as the President of the 60th Session of the IAEA General Conference. I am confident that your vast wisdom and rich diplomatic skills will steer our deliberations towards fruitful outcomes, and my delegation wishes to assure you of our full support and cooperation.

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome the application of member states of Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the Islamic Republic of Gambia to the IAEA family.

Mr. President,

It is my pleasure to congratulate the IAEA on completing 60 years of work to promote and strengthen global nuclear safety and security, and to contribute to non-proliferation by preventing the use of nuclear material and facilities for non-peaceful purposes. We are confident that the agency plays much of a role in helping the international community with the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

I would also like to express our appreciation to Director General Mr. Yukira Amano for his dedicated efforts, professionalism and years of efficient leadership and for the preparation of the Annual Report. This annual report for 2015 offers a comprehensive review of the agency activities during the past year.

Mr. President,

The agency has made valuable contributions to global socio-economic development by helping its Member States in the utilization of nuclear science and technology in various fields of both power and non-power applications.

The contribution of agency's Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy (PACT) to developing countries has been invaluable as the radiotherapy treatment helps fight against the invasive cancer disease all over the world. Integrated mission of PACT review conducted in Myanmar in 2015 identified opportunities to strengthen healthcare relevant to radiation safety infrastructure and to improve the management of the radioactive sources.

Myanmar believes that the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme is important feature in transferring of nuclear technology to the member states and in developing the peaceful applications of atomic energy for their sustainable socio-economic development. Myanmar is currently implementing fifteen national projects under the TC Programme. In addition, Myanmar is taking part in regional projects under TC Programme and Coordinated Research Projects in the areas of health, food and agriculture, industry, livestock and breeding, environment, water resource management, nuclear science and technology, and nuclear safety and security.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the agency for technical cooperation assistance provided in terms of training, expertise and procurement, through the TC projects. TC projects are playing a significant role in the promotion of peaceful uses of nuclear technology in Myanmar. It is my sincere hope that the technical cooperation between Myanmar and the IAEA will be sustainable and strengthening as much as possible.

Mr. President,

To support the global nuclear security and to fulfill the international obligations, Myanmar has been participating in the Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan since 2013. Myanmar has conducted the national and regional workshops and meetings to strengthen national nuclear security regimes and nuclear security infrastructure and to exchange the nuclear security information within the region. Moreover, I would like to inform that Myanmar is at the final stage to ratify the Convention on Nuclear Safety and the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities.

Mr. President,

Myanmar as a strong supporter of nuclear disarmament and global non-proliferation regime believes that nuclear weapon free zones and treaties are effective measures for nuclear weapon non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament. Myanmar is a state party to the NPT and the Treaty on South East Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone. Myanmar has also signed safeguards agreement and the small quantities protocol (SQP). In addition, Myanmar signed the Additional Protocol in 2013 will notify the IAEA for its entry into force when preparedness reaches a satisfactory level. Moreover, Myanmar has recently ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT). As a country which supports total elimination of nuclear weapons, Myanmar, every year tabled a resolution on nuclear disarmament at the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the agency for its dedicated efforts and excellent contributions to the promotion of safe, security and peaceful applications of atomic energy. We are strongly convinced that this 60th Session of the General Conference will make optimal decisions for the benefit of its member states and for the better achievement in its activities. May I reaffirm our continued support to the agency's mandate and activities.

Thank you Mr. President.