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Thank you Mr. President,

Bhutan warmly welcomes the delegation of Myanmar led by.....to the UPR Working Group.

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Since its last review, Myanmar has seen profound political changes. We commend the government of Myanmar for embarking on a series of democratic reforms that are underway towards liberal democracy. We are confident that these political, economic and administrative reforms will lead towards a democratic state.

Bhutan also notes the efforts of the government of Myanmar on the promotion and protection of human rights and in particular, the enactment of National Human Rights Commission Law—in 2014 is noteworthy.

Bhutan welcomes the measures initiated on child protection, notably the measures implemented to prevent under-age recruitment to the military forces. In this connection, Bhutan would like to recommend Myanmar to expedite the process of redrafting of the existing Child Law taking into account the views and suggestions made by civil society organizations.

In conclusion, Bhutan would like to wish Myanmar a peaceful and successful election this weekend.

Thank you