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Statement by India

**Mr. President,**

India warmly welcomes the delegation of Myanmar led by .....  
and thanks them for their comprehensive national report.

H.E. Dr. Tun Shin,  
Attorney-General of  
Myanmar.

**Mr. President,**

2. The report reflects Myanmar's strong political will and commitment to continue with reforms process for further democratization, despite domestic challenges. We take note of efforts made in this direction by Government of Myanmar, including release of prisoners of conscience, enactment of the News Media Law 2014 and promoting freedom of association and assembly.

3. We welcome the recent signing by Myanmar of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and encourage it to become party to it. We also take note of the adoption of the March 2014 law aimed at creating a National Human Rights Institution. We **recommend** to Myanmar to make the National Human Rights Commission fully compliant with the Paris Principles.

4. We acknowledge the cooperation that Myanmar has extended to the UN human rights mechanisms in the recent past. The international community has an obligation to whole-heartedly support these efforts by rendering necessary assistance, as requested by Myanmar.

5. India has consistently expressed its support to the Government of Myanmar in its efforts towards reforms and national reconciliation. We welcome the step taken by the Government of Myanmar in signing the milestone Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement with some ethnic armed groups on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

6. We take positive note of the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the forthcoming general elections on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015 are held in a free, fair and transparent manner, including the invitation to international election observers. Indian observers will also be in Myanmar for this purpose.

7. We wish Myanmar all success in its general elections and all its future endeavors.

**Thank you.**

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