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**Statement by Myanmar delegation**

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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Philippines led by Honorable Senator Cayetano and thanks them for their comprehensive national report which reflects the Philippines’s vibrant track-record in promotion and protection of human rights of her people.

Drug issue is a common challenge with a varying degree to all of us. It has become a national security threat to the Philippines and requires an appropriate response. The strategy and its implementation should be left to the Government and people of the Philippines. The cardinal principles of respect for State sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs should be respected at all time under any circumstance.

We take positive note of recent legislation and other measures in environmental issues to build healthful ecology and to enhance national growth in a way that effectively safeguards the environment. The ratification of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change is also noteworthy as a milestone toward environmental sustainability.

Taking this opportunity, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations for the Government of the Philippines;

1. Continue and further strengthen measures to protect its people from the threat of drugs while upholding their human rights;
2. Continue its efforts to implement the Paris Agreement on Climate Change including through multilateral cooperation.

As a fellow member of the ASEAN, we wish the Philippines every success in the current review and in implementing its accepted recommendations.

I thank you, Mr. President.