**The 37th Session of Universal Periodic Review Working Group**

**Statement by Myanmar Delegation**

**at the Universal Periodic Review on Nepal**

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Time allocation: 1 Minute 5 Seconds

**Madame President,**

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Nepal to the 37th Session of UPR Working Group and thanks them for their presentation.

Myanmar welcomes the efforts and achievements by Nepal since the last cycle of UPR, especially in the areas of education and the rights of women and girls.

We are encouraged by the Free and Compulsory Education Act of 2018, which guarantees equal access to Quality Education, including children from vulnerable communities.

We commend Nepal for the President’s Women Upliftment Programme, which has saved many lives of women and infants.

We also congratulate Nepal for meeting the Constitutional threshold of 33% women representation in Federal Parliament and Provincial Assemblies.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Myanmar wishes to make the following recommendations: -

1. Enhance the on-going efforts to reduce neonatal mortality rate;

2. Continue its poverty reduction measures to achieve its target of reducing from 18% to 13% by 2024 through inclusive and sustainable development; and

3. Allocate sufficient funds and facilities for Shelters and ‘One-Stop Crisis Management Centers’ for victims and survivors of all forms of gender-based violence and trafficking in person.

We wish Nepal every success in its UPR.

Thank you, Madame President.