Statement by Myanmar Delegation

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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Canada headed by -------------------------------- to this UPR session. We also thank them for their insightful introduction of its national report which reflects the overall situation of fundamental freedoms and rights of all peoples in the country.

[We take positive note of the recent improvement of the rights of indigenous in Canada and recognize the full support of the government of Canada to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). We also welcome the release of the Principles Respecting the Government of Canada’s Relationship with Indigenous Peoples which highlight the recognition of indigenous peoples and importance of free, prior, and informed consent.]

We also commend the measures taken by the government of Canada in promoting education and preserving literacy for the indigenous, including its intention to enacting Indigenous Languages Act with indigenous people. While acknowledging Canada’s commitment to achieving the reconciliation and meaningful engagement with the indigenous people, we remain concerned about alleged violation against indigenous women and girls.

We have two recommendations;

* Further strengthens its efforts to improve access to quality education for its indigenous peoples, particularly of women and girls;
* Continue its efforts to prevent and punish all forms of violence against indigenous women and girls as well as to redress victims.

We wish Canada a successful UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.