**Statement by Myanmar Delegation**

**At the 31st session of the UPR working Group of**

**Saudi Arabia**

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Mr. President,

My delegation noted Saudi Arabia’s efforts to accommodate the recommendations proposed during the second UPR cycle and its work in preparation of the national report.

We have also noted Saudi Arabia’s efforts to fulfill their Human Rights obligations in accordance with the best suited approaches for their country, with respect to its cultural norms. While there are cautious improvements, we remain concern about the rights of women and girls, rights of migrant workers and freedom to practice faiths in the Kingdom.

In this respect, we would like to make the following recommendations;

- join the International Human right treaties such as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

- enforce strict measures to protect migrant workers against abuses by employers and guarantee their fundamental civil, judicial, social, economic and cultural rights

- ensure the protection of female alleged victims and that their voices have equal representation in judicial system

- to encourage women’s empowerment and their freedom of expression, and continue its efforts for girl’s equal rights to education, including in social, cultural and sporting activities.

- take measures to protect peoples of religious minorities and ensure their rights to practice their believes are being protected

We wish Saudi Arabia a great success in the current review.

I thank you, Mr. President.