**Statement by Myanmar Delegation**

**at the 34th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the UPR process and thanks them for the national report presented today.

Myanmar appreciates Iran’s efforts to fulfill the human rights obligation with respect to its cultural norm, including the establishment of new mechanisms for protection and promotion of human rights, and introduction of human rights education in schools and trainings for judicial officers. We also commend its measures for poverty reduction and development of rural areas despite challenges and limitations it faces as a result of unilateral coercive measures.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Myanmar would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Strengthen its on-going approach for poverty reduction and development in the rural areas, in accordance with the 20-year Vision Plan,

2. Continue measures to promote various rights of women, including participation in sports and access to sports facilities,

We wish the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran a successful review.

I thank you, Mr. President.