**Statement by Myanmar Delegation**

**at the 34th Session of the UPR Working Group of Kazakhstan**

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Mr. President,

Myanmar welcomes the delegation of Kazakhstan to this UPR process.

We thank Kazakhstan for its comprehensive report.

Myanmar commends Kazakhstan for making great strides in its reforms under the current government.

We particularly welcome significant progress in the protection of the rights of women and girls and achievement in the promotion of gender equality.

In the spirit of constructive cooperation, Myanmar recommends Kazakhstan to

* to continue its efforts in combating domestic violence including violence against women and children;
* to take tougher penalties for sexual violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, drug trafficking and other serious crimes;
* to keep its momentum for empowering women and girls and take further steps to increase women’s representation in public and political life;

We wish Kazakhstan a successful review.

I thank you, Mr. President.