**Statement by Myanmar Delegation**

**at the 35th Session of the UPR Working Group of Lao People’s Democratic Republic**

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Madame President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Lao PDR led by H.E. Mr. Bounkeut Sangsomsak and thanks them for the comprehensive national report.

Myanmar commends the positive and firm measures taken by Lao PDR in implementing the recommendations made during the previous cycle of UPR. As development is one of the key foundations of a developing state, the achievements by Laos in poverty alleviation and efforts for graduation from LDC status by 2024 are commendable.

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

1 Continue its measures to implement the National Action Plan for Poverty Reduction, in order to alleviate poverty and to improve the standards of living.

2. Continue its exerted effort to empower women for more participation in all levels of decision making

3. Further strengthen measures to ensure sufficient allocation of teachers and improvement of school facilities in remote areas.

As a close neighboring country and fellow ASEAN member, Myanmar wishes Lao PDR every success in this review.

I thank you, Madame President.