**Statement by Myanmar Delegation**

**at the 36th Session of the UPR Working Group of Panama**

3 November 2020

(1 Minute 40 Seconds)

Madame President,

Myanmar welcomes the delegation of Panama to the 36th session of UPR working group and thanks them for the national report.

We commend the measures taken by Panama to strengthen the human right institution, as well as implementation of the recommendations made by States during the last cycle of UPR. We are encouraged to note the efforts taken by Panama for women empowerment, particularly the support services for victims of violence as well as regulations to increase women’s political participation.

In constructive spirit, Myanmar wishes to make the following recommendations;

1. Enhance efforts to prevent recruitment of children by non-State armed-groups, as well as exploitation of children in tourism sector, by strengthening its legal and institutional preventive measures;

2. Continue to address the challenges of domestic and sexual violence against women and ensure that victim support services are easily accessible by women in rural area and indigenous communities.

3. Strengthen its measures to reduce school dropout rate and low enrolment rates, and enhance access to quality education by increasing budget allocation in this regard.

We wish Panama every success in implementing the accepted recommendations of the current cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Madame President.