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Madame President,

Allow me to begin by congratulating you on your election to the Chair, and to thank, through you, the Government of Germany and the City of Berlin for the warmth of the welcome accorded to us. I am confident that under your leadership our deliberations will be fruitful.

May I also be permitted to express our deep appreciation to Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar, Executive Secretary of the Interim Secretariat for the UN Climate Change Convention and Professor Bert Bolin, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for their valuable contributions.

Madame President,

Man-induced climate change is an issue that is both complex and urgent. Fortunately, for the international community the Earth Summit has come up with a broad consensus on how to deal with the challenge posed by the phenomenon. It is our hope that this first session of the COP will reinforce the results of the Rio Meeting with evaluation of information submitted by developed countries concerning their efforts to implement the Convention. The national information about projected fossil fuel emissions and policies for limiting emissions provided will undoubtedly help the COP to assess the adequacy of the Convention's commitments.

It may be recalled that negotiations of the Framework Convention centered on two issues: first, targets and timetables for stabilization of greenhouse gas emissions by developed countries and , second, provision of additional financial aid and preferential, non-commercial technology transfer to developing countries. The Convention states that the COP must decide on the policies, programme priorities, and eligibility criteria for financial mechanism. The Convention also specifies that the mechanism should provide funding to help developing countries make their national communications to the COP and to implement commitments under Article 4(1). In this regard, capacity-building which includes training, research, and institution is essential.

In order to effectively implement its commitments, under the Convention, Myanmar would like to highlight Article 4-9 regarding the funding and transfer of technology. We would like to see as stated in Articles 2, the stabilization of greenhouse gases a principle objective of the Convention. Myanmar also considers Article 6 concerning education, training and public awareness equally important. It is our hope that requests we have submitted regarding these areas will be considered positively.

I wish to take this opportunity to inform the COP that the Myanmar Government will be communicating to the Secretariat its national inventories of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol. The report will be based on the guidelines prepared by the IPCC.

As Climate Change is the common concern of all mankind, Myanmar is fully committed to shouldering its share both at the national and international levels. At the national level we are undertaking several projects to produce a reliable estimate of

GHG emissions. We are also studying with attention the decrease in the number of storms and depressions that form annually in the Bay of Bengal off our coasts, the increase in the mean surface temperatures at most meteorological stations across the country and the changing rainfall pattern during the past decade.

At the international level, we are cooperating with our neighbours to adopt strategies on greenhouse gas abatement. We have joined hands with 11 other countries in the Asian Least-cost Greenhouse Gas Abatement Strategy Project. The overall objective of the project is to help reduce the emissions of greenhouse gas in the Asian region. Its activities will include the development of the national and regional capacity to prepare baseline inventories of GHG emissions and sinks.

Madame President,

This COP in Berlin, we believe is critically important as it will chart the way for countries to succeed in combating climate change while promoting economic development necessary for meeting mankind's needs. My delegation is confident that under your able leadership our deliberations will produce results that will add momentum to the good work that has already been done since Rio.

I thank you.