

**Country Statement delivered by H.E. Dr. Khin San Yee, Deputy Minister for
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Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is indeed a great honour for me to present country statement on behalf of the Government of Myanmar at the 69th Session of the UN-ESCAP. I would like to thank UN-ESCAP and Dr. Noeleen Heyzer for supporting the process of sustainable development in Myanmar.

As explained by President U Thein Sein yesterday, Myanmar has been able to bring about miracle in reform processes such as political reforms, socio-economic reforms and administrative reforms.

Although Myanmar has been isolated for many decades, the significant developments in the process of those reforms have largely been recognized by international community.

For short-term socio-economic development, the framework for economic and social reforms was formulated and implemented. The process includes-

- Financial reforms
- Trade and Investment reforms
- Health and Education sector reforms
- Infrastructure reforms
- Private sector reforms
- Agriculture reforms and

- Administrative system reforms.

For long-term interventions, 20 years National Comprehensive Development Plan (2011-2031) which put emphasis on

- People-centred development for inclusive growth
- Poverty alleviation and social protection
- Food sufficiency and Sustaining Agriculture Development
- Balanced and proportionate growth among ethnic groups and as well
- Quality statistical system development.

Myanmar is undertaking a number of development interventions which can create risk unintentionally, however, we are taking conscious effort to make development projects safer.

Myanmar is also exposed to natural hazards which include cyclone, storm, surge, flood, landslide, earth quake, tsunami, drought, fire and forest fire.

But, we never forget to put Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Climate Risk Management (CRM) in the integral part of the development policies and plans.

To sustain the developments and to keep in pace with our neighbouring countries, we are trying to promote intensive regional cooperation and active international networking.

Thank you.