



**Statement by H. E. U Wunna Maung Lwin before adoption of  
draft resolution (A/HRC/8/L. 12) at the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
Human Rights Council**

**Mr. President**

If you may clarify this resolution once again, it is meant to be a politically motivated one. A similar resolution was also presented to the Council in last March. Therefore, it is obvious that some powerful states are consistently attempting to give political pressures by tabling another resolution in just two months time.

In May 2008, there were several events took place in Myanmar. Beginning from this period, government and people of Myanmar have been encountering challenges that caused by the Cyclone Nargis which had stricken on 2 and 3 May. It was the worst natural disaster in Myanmar's history which left tens of thousands of people dead or injured and hundreds of thousands of people homeless. However, the Myanmar Government is cooperating closely with the international community in its efforts to overcome the enormous tasks in relief, resettlement and rehabilitation works.

I would like to elaborate on the progress of the political process in Myanmar during the period. Myanmar had successfully held the National Referendum on 10 and 24 of May. The people of Myanmar have adopted the new State Constitution with the overwhelming majority of 92.8 per cent voted in favour. Overall turn out of the eligible voters to the polling booths was 98.12 per cent.

In view of these results, it is the true aspiration of the Myanmar people to adopt the State Constitution which is the 4<sup>th</sup> step of the Road Map. These positive trends demonstrate that the Myanmar Government has been resolutely implementing its Seven Step Road Map for transition to a democratic society.

**Mr. President**

As a member of the United Nations, Myanmar has cooperated with the Human Rights Council in a spirit of goodwill and sincerity. In light of endorsing the cooperation with the Human Rights Council, the Myanmar Government is considering to accept the request of the new Special Rapporteur Mr. Tomas Quintana to visit Myanmar before the upcoming Human Rights Session in September.

Therefore during this significant period, we cannot accept any resolution on Myanmar from some powerful states with their sole intention of giving political pressures to my country.

Conversely, the international community should encourage Myanmar in this current stage of reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts for the cyclone victims as well as in its political achievements towards a democratic society.

**Mr. President**

The draft resolution is lopsided and highly intrusive. It also disregards the government's efforts, which is in line with the political development of the country, to promote the rights and privileges of entire Myanmar people that enshrined in the State Constitution. The powerful states should refrain from using human rights mechanism to give political pressures.

Therefore, Myanmar delegation totally and categorically rejects the contents of the draft and dissociates ourselves from the resolution on the situation of human rights in Myanmar.

Thank you Mr. President.