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Thank you very much indeed for your kind discussions on Myanmar matters. I would like to give you a responsive explanations in General, concerning about Myanmar.

First of all, I would like to point out that some speakers and delegates had failed to address my country in its proper and official name “ the Republic of the Union of Myanmar”, in short Myanmar. I regret that even the civilized countries are using the incorrect name Burma/ Burmese people. I would like to request the chair and all speakers to use the official name recognized by the United Nations, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar properly in future deliberations in the august body which is the common practice in every UN forums and conferences.

Some speakers mentioned that there were political prisoners in Myanmar and those associated with SU mechanism or so-called labour activists were arrested in Myanmar. I reject those statements. I would also like to highlight that action was taken against only those for their violation of existing laws. Such actions were never based on other grounds as Supplementary Understanding mechanism or labour rights or freedom of association.

The president of the republic of the Union of Myanmar issued order No. 28/ 2011 on 16 May 2011, granting and Amnesty that covers a total of 14758 prisoners. The Amnesty was granted not only on humanitarian ground

but for the prisoners to be able to take part in the process of building a new nation, a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accordance with the constitution approved by the vast majority of the people.

In terms of impunity, as I have mentioned in my statement, we do not condone impunity in Myanmar. Any perpetrators of forced labour, civilian or military personnel, will be dealt with the law. And nobody is above the law.

Someone discredited my country by exaggerating the recent border issues as if Myanmar Tatmataw is suppressing on innocent villagers. Those informations are based on the false informations given by dissidents using media as a weapon intentionally and who are making money for their own living. In reality, there may be some incidents in border areas. It is something like even among the family, sometimes we have disagreements, quarrels and the worst scuffles can happen. But when they realized themselves they are siblings, brothers and sisters, the hatred, anger and greeds disappeared and “the metta” , “Loving kindness overwhelmed in their hearts and the small matters will be automatically sorted out”.

Last but not least, as you all know, our new government is marching to the goal of disciplined-flourishing democratic country. This is the period of the very beginning, the transitional period. The government has been trying its best but everything cannot be done immediately like an instant-noodle. It needs a certain time. Be patient and please do not prejudge beforehand. At the right time in near future, the whole world will be satisfied and pleased.

Thank you.