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Honorable President,
Honorable Ministers and Heads of delegates,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mr. President

1. At the very outset, it is indeed, a great honor to my delegation for taking the advantages to participate in the UNEA 2 here in Nairobi. On behalf of Myanmar delegation, I would like to express our appreciation to the UNEP and Government of Kenya, for hosting this historic meeting and for providing excellent arrangements with a warm welcome and hospitality.
2. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you, elected to be president of UNEA 2. I believe, under your leadership, we would be able to have fruitful outcomes in this very important meeting.

Mr. President

3. Myanmar has been engaged active process of its political, social and economic transition in building a democratic nation. However, the subsequent impact of extending of economic development rapidly is emerging the challenges for the sustainable conservation of natural resources and environment. In this regard, strong institutions, clear environmental regulations and social safeguards are required in harmonizing social, economic and environmental issues to achieve the sustainable development.
4. As part of this process, the Government of Myanmar is putting in place the necessary policy, legal, procedural and governance instruments while building the institutional, technical and human capacities needed to achieve sustainable development 2030 in all

sectors. In terms of policy development, Government has prioritized that environment is one of the seven strategies of its National Comprehensive Development Plan 2030 with focusing to mainstream environment into the national policy and development agenda.

5. Environmental Governance and Natural Resource Management emphasize the critical links between environmental sustainability and efforts to eradicate poverty, reduce inequalities, and strengthen resilience in Myanmar. Sustaining biodiversity resources will secure ecosystem services that are vital to human welfare and their development efforts. The resilience of communities depends upon biodiversity and healthy ecosystems, and the goods and services they provide.

Mr. President

6. Myanmar is committed implementation of 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda along with the mainstreaming of environment into National and sub-national development planning through implementation on National Environmental Policy and Master plan, Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, Green Economy Strategy Framework, National and City level Waste management strategy and Action Plan, National Land-use Policy and National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan.
7. We have recognized the global environmental issues in terms of environment and ecosystem degradation, climate change, biodiversity and illegal wildlife trade, air pollution and chemical and waste are the most threatening global challenges to sustainable development of our society. In order to address these issues, financial resources, capacity building and technology transfer are very crucial elements of means of implementation.
8. Myanmar believes UNEA is a global platform to resolve environmental challenges and to provide direction on the integration of economic, social and environmental dimensions for sustainable development of 2030 agenda. In this UNEA 2, we are expecting the

resolutions and outcomes in a balanced manner will be affirmed to environmental sustainability for achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

9. In conclusion, I am delighted to share our efforts with proactively mainstreaming of environmental consideration into development planning and its implementation with the strong political commitments of our Government.

I thank you, Mr. President