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**Statement by Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative of the Republic  
of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations,**

**at the Thematic Discussion on Nuclear Weapons of the First Committee**

**at the Eightieth Session of the UN General Assembly**

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**Mr. Chair,**

Myanmar aligns itself with the statements of ASEAN and NAM.

**Mr. Chair,**

Accelerating nuclear arms race, nuclear modernization, their horizontal and vertical proliferation, and incorporation of emerging technologies into nuclear weapons systems are exposing humanity to a higher risk of nuclear dangers than any time in history.

A single use of nuclear weapons, whether accidental, inadvertent or intentional, will have catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences. Therefore, Myanmar reaffirms our principled position that the only guarantee against the use of nuclear weapons is their total elimination.

To this end, Myanmar has submitted the draft resolution entitled “Nuclear Disarmament” at this session. The draft contains only technical updates and is open for co-sponsorship. We urge Member States to extend their support and co-sponsorship of this important resolution.

**Mr. Chair,**

It is in our collective security interests to uphold the credibility and integrity of the NPT as the cornerstone of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. We all must redouble our efforts to overcome the past consecutive failures and work towards a meaningful consensual outcome of the 2026 Review Conference.

Myanmar calls upon all states that have not ratified the CTBT, especially the remaining Annex II states, to do so without delay for its entry into force.

We believe the TPNW complements the NPT and welcome the decision to hold its First Review Conference next year.

As a state party to the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zone, Myanmar believes that NWFZs can contribute to further strengthening global norms against nuclear weapons and looks forward to Timor Leste's accession to the Treaty.

**Mr. Chair,**

Under the elected civilian government, Myanmar signed the TPNW, and ratified the Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS), the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials (CPPNM) and the CTBT.

Unfortunately, our plan to ratify the TPNW, put the IAEA Additional Protocol into force and adhere to the Modified Small Quantity Protocol (mSQP) were all disrupted by the illegal military coup in 2021.

In the face of growing atrocities and indiscriminate airstrikes against civilians by the military, we are seriously concerned with the enhanced collaboration between the military junta and a major NWS on their so-called nuclear power plan.

I wish to raise the alarm that the notion of peaceful uses of nuclear energy and the military junta are mutually exclusive.

The military, that weaponizes recreational paramotors against civilians, will also weaponize nuclear energy.

The military, that violates the ASEAN's 5PC and many other resolutions by the UN bodies, will also violate the IAEA Safeguards.

The military and its affiliates, that facilitate illicit arms-procurement activities, will also facilitate illicit nuclear activities.

On that note, I wish to reiterate that any international support or assistance to the military junta's sham, scam election will render its dangerous nuclear ambitions a step closer.

Taking this opportunity, I appeal to all Member States to cut the flow of arms, weapons, jet fuel, other dual-use items and related technologies to the military junta.

I thank you.

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