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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 General Exchange of Views of the Third Meeting of State Parties to the Treaty on
the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**

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Mr. President,

At the outset, I wish to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election. I assure you of our delegation's full support throughout the meeting.

Mr. President,

Heightened geopolitical tensions, persistent conflicts and backsliding of international rules and norms are eroding the global security architecture. The Scientific Advisory Group reported an estimated increase in global stockpile of nuclear warheads and ongoing nuclear arsenal modernization efforts at the beginning of 2025. Nuclear rhetorics and threats continue to prevail while evolving technologies in the nuclear domain further exacerbate its danger.

As humanity moves inches closer to nuclear catastrophe, it is now more urgent than ever to redouble our efforts in achieving our collective goal of the world without nuclear weapons.

Mr. President,

Nuclear weapons pose an existential threat to humanity because a single use of nuclear weapons will have catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences whether the use is intentional or accidental.

Therefore, we firmly believe that the only guarantee against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is their total elimination. The urgency of achieving a nuclear-weapon free world is one of the guiding principles of the creation of the TPNW. The prohibition of nuclear

weapons is in line with international humanitarian law and a critical step towards their elimination.

Mr. President,

Myanmar welcomes the significant progress in the implementation of the Vienna Action Plan as well as the ratification by Indonesia, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone and Solomon Islands last year. Myanmar attaches great importance to universalization of the TPNW and urges all member states to ratify it without delay.

Under the elected civilian government, Myanmar signed the Treaty in 2018 and considered progressively for ratification accordingly.

Unfortunately, our plan to ratify the TPNW was disrupted by the attempted illegal military coup in 2021.

Despite the setbacks and challenges caused by the military coup, Myanmar remains committed to upholding the purposes and objectives of the Treaty. We intend to become a State Party to the TPNW whenever circumstances permit.

Mr. President,

We are of the view that peace and stability at national, regional and international levels can all contribute to achieving progress in our TPNW universalization efforts.

Unfortunatly, for Myanmar, the military coup and ongoing atrocities by the military junta have shattered the fabric of peace in the country, caused human suffering and impacted regional peace and stability.

Therefore, I urge the international community to address the root cause and support the people of Myanmar and their resolutions to end the military dictatorship and build a federal democratic union to restore peace and stability.

Please help the people of Myanmar by cutting the flow of arms, weapons and jet fuel to the military junta.

I thank you, **Mr. President.**
