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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 2025 Substantive Session of the
United Nations Disarmament Commission**

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Mr. Chair,

I wish to begin by congratulating you and other members of the bureau on your election. You can count on our delegation's full support for a fruitful outcome of this session.

Myanmar aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of NAM and ASEAN.

Mr. Chair,

The growing sense of global uncertainty, the erosion of trust among nations and the undermining of international institutions directly impact our multilateral negotiations of the disarmament agenda. Against this backdrop, the substantive session of the UNDC offers an opportunity to revitalize our commitment to multilateral disarmament efforts.

We are confident that under the leadership of the respective Chairs, we can work collectively to achieve meaningful progress in both Working Groups of the current UNDC cycle.

Mr. Chair,

Nuclear weapons pose a security threat to humanity due to their continued existence as well as their possible use or threat of use. Myanmar reaffirms our position that the only guarantee against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is their total elimination.

Myanmar believes that NPT remains the cornerstone of nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful use of nuclear energy. We expressed our disappointment over the

consecutive failures to adopt an outcome document at the Ninth and Tenth NPT Review Conference. As we approach the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 NPT Review Conference, we must redouble our efforts in fostering trust, flexibility and mutual understanding to achieve a substantive outcome.

Myanmar attaches great importance to the universal adherence to the CTBT and calls upon all states that have not ratified it, especially the remaining Annex II states, to do so without delay for its entry into force.

Myanmar welcomed the convening of the Third Meeting of State Parties to the TPNW earlier this year. We are of the view that TPNW complements other existing multilateral instruments and contributes to advancing our shared goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

As a state party to Southeast Asia Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zone, Myanmar supports the establishment of NWFZs as a regional approach to strengthen global norms against nuclear weapons.

Mr. Chair,

Myanmar takes note of the ongoing deliberations on emerging technologies in the context of international security and underscores the need to streamline our discussion to avoid a possibly duplicative track.

Emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, can be harnessed for their potential benefits and the implementation of sustainable development goals. Myanmar calls for enhanced international cooperation for capacity building and technical assistance to developing countries to bridge the technological divide.

At the same time, the application of emerging technologies in any domain should be complied with international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law due to their dual-use nature.

Mr. Chair,

Their dual-use aspect is of particular concern for Myanmar since the military junta never shies away from exploiting dual-use goods and technologies to their advantage at the expense of civilians.

Since the attempted coup in 2021, the military has employed among others ICTs for digital oppression and jet fuel for indiscriminate air strikes over civilians. It's crystal clear that the military blurs the line between the dual use of any item as long as they can be utilized for their widespread terror campaigns and systematic subjugation.

Even after the recent devastating Sagaing earthquake in Myanmar which took more than 3,500 lives and created huge damages, the military continues to launch indiscriminate and disproportionate aerial attacks and bombardments on civilian population across the country, including the earthquake-affected regions.

There is no end to the military's inhumanity, brutality and atrocities.

Therefore, I appeal to all Member States to cut the flow of arms, weapons, jet fuel and dual-use items to the military junta to save the suffering and lives of the people of Myanmar as well as their future.

I thank you.
