Nay Pyi Taw, 9 March—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has decided Monday that Myanmar will sign the legal framework establishing the technical architecture of the ASEAN Single Window. Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein said that the Legal Framework Agreement (LFA), once adopted, will set a common legal framework in ASEAN to strengthen the coordination and partnership among ASEAN Customs Administrations and relevant line ministries and agencies, and economic operators (importers, exporters, transport operators, express industries, customs brokers, forwarders, commercial banking entities and financial institutions, insurers, and those relevant to the international supply chain) to effectively and efficiently implement the ASEAN Single Window.

As a concrete step towards the establishment and implementation of the ASEAN Single Window, the ASEAN Economic Ministers have signed the Agreement to Establish and Implement the ASEAN Single Window on 9 December 2005 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The ASW Agreement mandated Member Countries, by means of a protocol, to adopt relevant internationally accepted standards, procedures, documents, technical details and formalities for the effective implementation of the ASEAN Single Window. Later, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig- Gen Kyaw Zan Myint told Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to allow Yuan 246 million loan from Exim Bank of China for procurement of vehicles for Myanmar Police Force to ensure rule of law, drug-trafficking control measures and security of public. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has invited parliamentarians for discussion this issue. --MNA

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