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Representative, Permanent Mission of the Lao PDR to UNO in Geneva at the 19th Session of
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Madame President,

Lao delegation would like align itself to ASEAN Joint Statement on Myanmar delivered by the Kingdom of Cambodia and thank Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana the Special Rapporteur for his update report on Human Rights situation in Myanmar.

As a neighbor and Member of ASEAN, the Lao PDR notes with appreciation significant efforts the new government of Myanmar had engaged the country towards democratisation and reconciliation. We extend our consistent support to Myanmar National reconciliation and development to the country including the promotion and protection of Human Rights and all other fundamental rights.

My delegation shares the common position of the Non-Aligned Movement that a country-specific human rights resolution would not help us address human rights issue. We believe that the Human Rights Council and the UPR mechanism are the only appropriate forums to discuss or to review a situation of human rights in any country on an equal basis. In our view, the UPR mechanism should continue to serve as the most constructive forum in this regard.

My delegation urges the international community to work with the Government of Myanmar to allow it to achieving all the goals of the roadmap toward democracy and national réconciliation thus allowing Myanmar to fulfilling its international obligations with responsibility.

We also encourage the Republic of the Union of Myanmar continue its cooperation with the UN Human Rights mechanism to achieve the promotion and protection of human rights through genuine dialogue.

I thank you Mme. President,