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STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF VIET NAM

at the 19th Human Rights Council Session's Interactive Dialogue with the
Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Myanmar

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Madame President,

My delegation would like to thank Mr. Quintana, for the presentation of his report on the progress of human rights situation in Myanmar and the intervention made by His Excellency Ambassador of Myanmar.

We also wish to associate with the ASEAN joint statement made earlier today by His Excellency Mr. Sun Suon, Ambassador of Cambodia.

Madame President

We welcome the recent positive developments in Myanmar, the tireless efforts done by the government to implement democratic reforms, national reconciliation, social and economic development, and its full cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms. We are also happy to see that the national legislature, particularly in the human rights field, continues to exercise its powers within the framework of the Constitution, as mentioned in the report of the Special Rapporteur, assuring the better enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for the population in this country. However, democratization and national reconciliation are a long process that cannot be shortcut. Hence, we strongly encourage Myanmar to continuously move forward in this right way.

Achievements and progress made by Myanmar should be encouraged by international community. Viet Nam highly appreciates international financial institutions, especially the IMF and WB, for re-engaging with Myanmar. The international community has involved to help Myanmar in both bilateral and multilateral frameworks. We must do more in the future on the basis of constructive dialogue and cooperation. In this spirit, Viet Nam joins some previous speakers to call for an early lifting of economic sanctions on Myanmar which would significantly contribute to a better promotion and protection of human rights in this country.

I thank you, Madame President.