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Mr President,

We would first of all like to thank the Special Rapporteur on the situation in Myanmar, Professor Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, for his briefing and report.

[ We also align ourselves with the statement made by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC.]

On 2 October 2007, the Special Session of the Human Rights Council passed the consensus resolution S-5/1 on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, which mandated the Special Rapporteur on Myanmar to assess the real situation on the ground and to report back to the Council at its Resumed Sixth Session.

In this light, we commend Professor Pinheiro's endeavors to fulfill his mandate by visiting Myanmar and presenting his report before us today.

The decision of the Government of Myanmar to allow Professor Pinheiro to carry out his visit in November 2007 is indeed encouraging. We are also fully cognizant of the significance of the Government of Myanmar's decision to allow Professor Ibrahim Gambari to visit Myanmar on two occasions.

We welcome the various efforts made by the Government of Myanmar to create conditions conducive to dialogue and reconciliation, including the further removal of restrictions on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in order to enable to meet various actors, including Professors Gambari and Pinheiro.

Mr President,

~~All these positive~~ <sup>recent</sup> developments show a trade of good faith by both parties which is indispensable for a meaningful and substantive dialogue to take place.

In this regard, it is essential for the Human Rights Council to acknowledge the ~~recent positive~~ developments in Myanmar.

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As to Myanmar itself, we again urge the Government to take further tangible steps towards the Road Map to democracy. This would be a key instrument to achieve national reconciliation, which constitutes a foundation for Myanmar to move forward with its peaceful transition towards democracy.

It is Indonesia's strong commitment to continue to encourage Myanmar, both bilaterally and regionally, particularly through ASEAN, to address the challenges it faces in attaining this goal.

In this regard, the signing of the ASEAN Charter by all ASEAN's members, including the Government of Myanmar recently, reflects a strong commitment to human rights and humanitarian principles and pledges to establish a human rights body. This process can be used as a test case to prove the Government of Myanmar's seriousness in its efforts to achieve democracy and to promote and protect human rights. *Indonesia is ready to play an active role in this aspect.*

We also urge the Government of Myanmar to continue to cooperate ~~with~~ with the Special Rapporteur on Myanmar and other United Nations mechanisms.

Thank you.