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Mr. President,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Lao Delegation, I would like to wish you every success during your presidency.

Regarding the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Right in Myanmar, the Lao Delegation would like to reiterate that the efforts made so far by the Government of Myanmar in a view to improving the situation in the country should be appreciated. As a neighbouring country of Myanmar, Lao PDR has closely followed the development of that situation and considers it as internal affair of Myanmar. We are in a view that significant progress has been made Myanmar in the efforts to improve the situation and cooperation with international community, especially with the United Nations.

The recent visits to Myanmar by the Special envoy of the Secretary General and by Professor Pinheiro can be seen as gesture with full cooperation of the Myanmar Government.

Arrangement had been made for them to meet with various important persons, including two meetings with Ms Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

The Government of Myanmar has drawn up its own seven-step Road Map for bringing the country to democracy which was widely supported. The third step of the Road Map is being implemented by setting up the Constitution Drafting Commission with 54 members with a view to drawing up a new constitution of the State

Mr. President,

The Lao Government believes that the Government of Myanmar should be allowed to have appropriate time and opportunity to implement its efforts to stabilize the country and bring it to democracy. In accordance with the Road Map to Democracy which is already underway.

I thank you Mr. President.