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**Mr. Chairman,**

First of all, allow me to congratulate you on your assumption of the Chairmanship. And I also would like to assure of the full support of our delegation to you and the bureau. Myanmar aligns itself with the statement delivered by Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. My delegation would like to extend our appreciation to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), its Regional Disarmament Branch (RDB) and the three United Nations Regional Centres for their valuable contribution towards global disarmament, international peace and security.

**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation fully support and appreciate the role played by the three United Nations Regional Centres, particularly the Regional Centre in Asia and the Pacific—(UNRCPD) in the promotion of regional as well as global disarmament and non-proliferation instruments through national capacity-building and the outreach and advocacy initiatives. In recognition of the contributions made by the Centre, my delegation together with other like-minded countries in the region joined the annual draft resolution entitled “United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific”.

**Mr. Chairman,**

In cooperation with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Myanmar organized a National Roundtable on the Implementation of Security Council Resolution 1540 in January 2016 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The event was supported by the European Union, government of the

United States and the Regional Centre. It focused on good practices in implementation of the resolution to counter the proliferation of the weapons of mass destruction to non-State actors. During the roundtable, discussions were made with experts from the 1540 committee, the CBRN Centre of Excellence and UNODA on national implementation and future regional and international cooperation.

Again in February 2016 in Nay Pyi Taw, United Nations Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific – *UNRCPD* organized a capacity-building workshop on small arms and light weapons (SALW), with kind assistance by the UK government. In this workshop, International Experts and representatives from UNRCPD and UNODA discussed with stakeholders of Myanmar on relevant international instruments as well as on domestic legislations, reporting requirements and available tools for assistance in relation to the control of small arms and light weapons.

**Mr. Chairman,**

In the context of the international peace and security, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is a growing concern for all countries. Since the threat of terrorism and violent extremism becomes imminent, control on small arms and light weapons becomes priority for us. States have deep concerns over a wide range of security, humanitarian and socio-economic consequences arising from the illicit manufacture, transfer, and circulation of small arms and light weapons. Regional security and stability are prerequisites for the developing countries, as the security, stability and development go hands in hands. In this context, we would like to reaffirm

that Myanmar will be cooperating with neighbouring countries and regional institutions to enhance the stability and security of the State and the region.

**Mr. Chairman,**

We highly commend the Disarmament Fellowship Programme organized by the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs. Myanmar is one of the beneficiaries in the programme, and is also looking forward to getting more opportunities in the years to come. Moreover, we also wish to encourage the member states that are in a position to do so to contribute to the fund since the activities of the Regional Centres rely very much on voluntary contributions.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Maintaining and revitalizing regional centres for peace and disarmament would contribute significantly to regional and international peace and security. We wish to reaffirm our continued support for the Regional Centres in promoting peace, security and disarmament in their respective regions and beyond.

**I thank you, Mr. Chairman.**