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Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. It is a great honour for me to take part in this Forum representing the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Thailand at this forum on behalf of G77 and China.
2. I do believe that the overall theme of this forum will result effective outcomes and provide concrete recommendations for the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
3. Myanmar has taken efforts for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and now mainstreaming the Addis Ababa Action Agenda into national sustainable development strategy.
4. In the past 5 years, Myanmar has made significant achievements in poverty reduction, improving literacy and basic education, eliminating gender disparity, reducing child mortality rate, improving maternal health, and developing global partnership for development.
5. Now, our Government is redoubling its efforts on enhancing sustainable development projects and implementing programs on policy priorities such as:
  - ❖ To combat Anti-corruption
  - ❖ To improve Decentralization
  - ❖ To enhance Transparency
  - ❖ To provide Accountable and Responsive Public Services

- ❖ To promote Education, Health and Social Sector
- ❖ To improve Socio-economic Status of our people

6. Accordingly, the government is concentrating on the increase of the effective and efficient annual budget allocation for those priorities through a structural change in budgeting by adopting policy based budgeting system based on allocating fiscal resources.
7. A strong PFM system is necessary for our government to meet and maintain the SDGs. Modernization of Public Finance Management Project has been implemented in Myanmar since 2014, in collaboration with the WB to support the strengthening of Myanmar's PFM systems and institutions, and improving policy formulation and implementation for effective, efficient and accountable delivery of public services.
8. I am pleased to see that the new SDGs go much further than the eight Millennium Development Goals, addressing the root causes of poverty and the universal need for development that works for all people. Moreover, this agenda carries the value of a unifying agenda underpinned by goals and quantitative targets.
9. Learning lessons from the implementation of MDGs and the full and effective implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda will be crucial in meeting the 2030 agenda within the framework of a revitalized and strengthened global partnership.
10. Aligning with the people-centered administrative approach, we are undertaking efforts to achieve sustainable development by mainstreaming the 2030 agenda and SDGs in the national development agenda working closely with the United Nations as well as our development partners.
11. In conclusion, I am confident that we will be able to continue collaboration with the international community and development partners for the achievement of sustainable development and eradication of poverty in Myanmar.
12. I thank you.