

Statement by Ambassador Htin LYNN, Permanent Representative of Myanmar

On the draft resolution A/HRC/34/L.8/Rev.1

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Mr. President,

- My delegation has engaged with the EU delegation and others with a view to making the draft resolution more constructive and thus deepening our cooperation in promoting and protection of human rights. We found positive elements in some paragraphs. But the most crucial one is hard to accept. Let me explain why.

Mr. President,

- Myanmar is taking concrete efforts, as a priority, to find a sustainable solution for the situation in Rakhine State. We are now implementing the recommendations put forward by the Dr Kofi Annan's Advisory Commission in the Interim Report of March 16, 2017. We believe that these recommendations will help solve issues in Rakhine State in the long run. The Commission's Final Report is due in August this year.
- At the same time, our National Investigation Commission is probing into serious allegations of human rights violations. The Commission has just come back from Bangladesh after interviewing the alleged victims who were reported to have crossed the border. As the situation in Rakhine State has stabilized, the displaced persons are now gradually returning to their villages. The Government is providing assistance in coordination with international humanitarian community. The Commission is making every effort to release their report as soon as possible.
- Based on the findings of the National Investigation Commission as well as on the Recommendations by the Advisory Commission, we will be taking concrete measures for sustainable peace and development of Rakhine State.
- The Central Committee for Peace and Development in Rakhine State is meeting frequently to materialize its objectives.
- Any action taken should not add problem to the already complicated issue. It should help us in our efforts to finding a long term solution.
- **Against this backdrop, Mr President, Myanmar dissociates itself from the draft resolution A/HRC/34/L.8/Rev.1 as a whole, in particular from OP 11 which mentioned dispatching an independent international fact-finding mission to Myanmar.**
- Such kind of action is not acceptable to Myanmar as it is not in harmony with the situation on the ground and our national circumstances.
- Let Myanmar people choose the best and the most effective course of action to address the challenges in Myanmar. We will be doing what needs to be done. And we will do it with great prudence and probity.

Thank you.
