Statement before the vote by
Ambassador Hau Do Suan, Permanent Representative of Myanmar
at the Plenary Session of the 73rd UNGA
on adoption of draft resolution no. V: Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar
contained in document A/73/589/add.3
(22 December 2018)

Madam President,

My delegation will vote against draft resolution No. V of A/73/589/add.3 entitled “Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar” which is unfairly targeted against my country with clear intent to exert unwarranted political pressure on Myanmar. It is just another step taken in a series of unprecedented discriminatory scrutiny by abusing various UN mechanisms under the name of human rights.

The tone and tenor of the draft resolution No.V is hostile, provocative, and demonstrates a total disregard for the dignity and sovereignty of a UN member state. It is a classic example of double standards and, selective and discriminatory application of human rights norms on a developing country that is in a delicate transition to democracy with mounting political, social and economic challenges.

This draft resolution is clearly not trying to find solution to the complex situation of Rakhine State, but rather sowing seeds of mistrust and further polarization of different communities in the region. It would only be detrimental to the repatriation process as well as Myanmar’s efforts to building peace and harmony in Rakhine. It would only cause more alienation between the people of Myanmar and the international community.

Constructive engagement, support and encouragement of the international community towards Myanmar’s efforts to address the complex issues in Rakhine State, are the only viable way to achieve sustainable peace and development in Myanmar. No one can be in a better position than the Government and people of Myanmar to understand the depth and complexity of their own challenges.

Madam President,

We shall not be bound by this unfair resolution. However, we shall continue to work for voluntary, safe and dignified repatriation of the displaced person, to build rule of law, peace, harmony and sustainable development for all people in Rakhine State through implementation of the Annan Commission recommendations and the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan. We take seriously about accountability issue and the Independent Commission of Enquiry has been formed to take up the matter independently, with transparency and credibility.
At the same time, we shall continue to maintain our bilateral cooperation with Bangladesh for repatriation of the displaced persons in accordance with the agreements and arrangements signed between the two countries. The Myanmar Government will keep up the present momentum of collaborative efforts with UNDP and UNHCR to facilitate repatriation and resettlement of the returnees as per the tripartite MoU. We are going to speed up cooperation with ASEAN through AHA-Centre in the process of repatriation and resettlement.

Myanmar attaches great importance to engaging with the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General. We are now working closely with her. We will continue to maintain constructive engagements with the United Nations including the Security Council, Office of the SRSG-CAAC and Office of the SRSG-SVC.

The Government and the people of Myanmar are united in our commitment to strive for lasting peace, rule of law, democracy and sustainable development for all citizens of the country. We shall be relentless in our efforts.

**Madam President,**

I would like to express my Government’s most sincere gratitude to those delegations standing firm on their principled position and voted against, abstained or not participated in the voting on this discriminatory resolution in the Third Committee. Once again, I would like to urge all friends and colleagues present here tonight to stand together on principle, and vote against the draft resolution No.V of A/73/589/add.3 entitled “Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar”.

I thank you, Madam. President.