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**Statement by His Excellency Mr. Soe Aung,
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of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Sixth Session
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Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen
Mingalabar and Good Morning

- At the outset, I would like to express my profound thanks to the Government of Switzerland for hosting this important event and warm hospitality.
- I also thank UNDRR for their continuous support to Myanmar.
- At this era, climate change and global warming endangers the lives of many species and hinders the development of many countries.
- Just like many other countries, Myanmar also perceives the significant changes in the patterns of disaster risks and their cascading effects.

- This year, many areas of Myanmar have experienced the highest recorded temperature in ASEAN Region affecting many people across the country.
- These unusual patterns of natural disaster warm us to emphasize more on the disaster risk reduction approaches.

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- I would like to update some key activities of Myanmar. We launch Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) (2018-2030) recently.
- MSDP mediates between local developmental needs and global sustainable development agendas by aligning its action plans with global SDGs targets.
- Myanmar also submitted the National Report on Sendai Implementation through online platform in 2018.
- We are now continuing our efforts to accomplish the next milestone for baseline reporting.
- Actually, we face common challenges like many other countries do, in terms of getting the disaggregated data, limited technical capacity to use online platform for monitoring and reporting and limited resources for scale up of Sendai Implementation at the local levels, etc.
- However, based on the previous reporting experiences, we are doing our best to improve Sendai Framework implementation, monitoring and reporting.

- Here, I also would like to point out national level achievement of Sendai's Target E i.e increasing of the actions on national and local DRR strategies.
- We have been implementing Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction since 2017.
- It is a national level strategy for DRR and a roadmap for DRR implementations.
- At the subnational levels, DRR plans of action are being drawn and implemented by the respective local Governments.
- We have also developed DRM plans for specific sectors and specific hazards.
- Women empowerment and Child-center approach for DRR, protecting cultural heritage, school safety for disaster, contingency plans for earthquake and cyclone are some of the practices, we are prioritizing nowadays.
- Moreover, to enhance DRR and CCA integration, Myanmar Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan are also in place since 2017.
- In fact, all these strategies and action plans are intended to complement the achievement of SDGs and we are investing extensively to transform them into reality.
- We are focusing not only resource mobilization but also capacity building in these areas.

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- With this note, I would like to conclude my remarks by reaffirming that Myanmar is committed to the implementation of SFDRR and we are looking forward to receiving more technical assistance from UNDRR and other interested partners in this endeavor.
- I also would like to acknowledge the strong commitments of the Government of Switzerland and UNDRR to bring this Global Platform into a success.
- In this deliberation, I wish we could come up with the action-oriented outcomes for future DRR countermeasures.
- Thank you.
