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**Statement by Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative of  
the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the General Debate of  
the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on  
the Rights of Persons with Disabilities  
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**Mr. Chair,**

First of all, I wish to congratulate you and the members of the Bureau on your well-deserved election.

This year's COSP17 is another significant avenue to allow the international community to review, explore and plan for the promotion and protection of rights of persons with disabilities, particularly under the overarching theme and sub-themes of the Conference designed to discover means to address the challenges faced by PWDs.

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, the global community has been encountering the turbulence of series of conflicts together with many other multifaceted issues that are leading towards protracting severe implications on the vulnerable groups, including women, children, and PWDs.

Therefore, Myanmar welcomes this session's focus on disability inclusion, alongside the ideas shaping discussions around international cooperation to promote technology innovations and transfer for an inclusive future, risk situations, humanitarian emergencies, decent work and sustainable livelihoods.

In fact, all these areas strongly resonate to the situation in my country, Myanmar.

Since the illegal military coup in February 2021, promotion and protection of the rights of PWDs have been curtailed and violations against their rights were further exacerbated. Due to the military junta's atrocities and indiscriminate attacks against the people across

the country, the number of PWDs has increased. Many children and young people, particularly those in conflict-affected areas, have already lost their body parts and become disabled. These tragic incidents are manmade, and by the abusive military junta.

So far, sufficient necessary assistance has not reached to these vulnerable groups. Moreover, Myanmar has been left far behind in the areas of advance technology support and further innovations, inclusion of PWDs in every society, ensuring education, creating employment and laying down frameworks for sustainable livelihoods due to the unlawful military coup.

Despite various challenges and constraints, the National Unity Government (NUG) together with EROs has spared no efforts to provide assistance to PWDs including those who recently became disabled due to the junta's atrocities. It includes among others providing prosthetic appliances to some victims of landmines.

The NUG and the EROs have also been working together to remove explosive landmines planted by the junta to prevent civilian casualties.

In this regard, I thank the development partners for their support.

Notwithstanding numerous sufferings they face, the people including PWDs in Myanmar are resilience and resolute to work together to end the military dictatorship and to build a federal democratic union.

Therefore, we appeal to the international community to extend effective support to the people and to our efforts for saving lives and bringing future back to the people of Myanmar including PWDs as well as making sure the promotion and protection of the rights of PWDs.

Thank you.

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