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**Statement by Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative of the
Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations, at the Security Council
Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security: Peace is decided with women:
Emerging from conflict by enhancing their participation**

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Madam President,

I congratulate Colombia on its Presidency of the Security Council and thank you for convening this vital open debate. We thank the briefers for their insightful statements.

We applaud your emphasis on the international community's commitment to the normative framework of the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda. The National Unity Government of Myanmar remains resolute in upholding the full, equal, meaningful, and safe participation of women at all stages of conflict prevention, resolution, and recovery.

Madam President,

Trapped in a manmade, brutal conflict for over five years, Myanmar intimately understands the cost of shattered peace and security. The unlawful military coup of February 2021 and the ensuing military terror against civilians are the sole culprits of today's multidimensional catastrophe in Myanmar.

Recent political maneuvers and cosmetic transitions by the military junta are nothing but a desperate charade designed to manufacture international recognition and legitimacy. It is their same old pattern to lure the international community and shun away from

accountability. They serve only the junta's survival, not the interests of the people of Myanmar.

Today, the perpetrating military junta continues to systematically commit war crimes and crimes against humanity by blatantly violating international law, international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

As a result of their indiscriminate attacks against the civilian population and civilian infrastructure, the scale of the devastation remains staggering. Many credible reports, including those issued by the OCHA have documented the displacement of over 3.6 million people, almost 22 million people in need of humanitarian assistance, among which 16.2 million are in desperate need of immediate humanitarian support, 10.4 million are women and girls and over 6.3 million are children.

Behind these numbers lies a horrifying reality of targeted, gendered violence. The military systematically deploys Conflict-Related Sexual Violence as a calculated weapon of war, with over 900 cases of rape, gang rape, and sexual torture documented since the coup. The sheer indiscriminate nature of this violence is terrifying: in February 2026 alone, 63 women were killed, primarily through relentless aerial bombardments and artillery shelling, and 66 were injured, including young girls and pregnant women.

Furthermore, the junta's deliberate blockade of humanitarian aid and the targeted destruction of medical facilities have induced a catastrophic collapse in maternal healthcare, disproportionately punishing women and girls in conflict-affected areas.

Yet, the story of Myanmar's women is not merely one of victimhood; it is an extraordinary testament to unbreakable resilience.

Myanmar women and girls advocating for and defending human rights and women rights remain unbowed and fearless, standing as the undeniable vanguard of our revolution. They are driving the Civil Disobedience Movement, sustaining local administrative and healthcare networks under bombardment, and leading on the frontlines as political

strategists, community mediators, and defense commanders. From mass mobilizations in border areas to frontline resistance inside the country, women are exposing atrocities, defending their communities, and shattering a culture of impunity.

The NUG together with allied democratic forces are now fully dedicated to transforming this grassroots resilience into structural governance, directly answering the call and to eliminate barriers to women's political leadership.

The recently established Steering Council for the Emergence of a Federal Democratic Union (SCEF) is actively embedding gender equality into our emerging federal institutions and preparing transitional justice mechanisms to prosecute junta perpetrators for gender-based atrocities.

Therefore, **Madam President**, it is in our view that the international community needs to step up and keep pace with the tangible progress forged by Myanmar's democratic forces.

For all these years, efforts of the international community have yet to yield the decisive breakthroughs our people desperately need.

First, the implementation of ASEAN's Five-Point Consensus has, regrettably, not achieved its intended goals. A recalibrated regional approach that genuinely centers the indispensable voices of women and legitimate democratic representatives is urgently required.

Second, this Council is facing challenges in reaching a unified stance. Under this pressure, we must look to the complementary strength of the UN General Assembly to uphold democratic credentials and drive comprehensive, coordinated global action.

Finally, to achieve sustainable peace and stability in Myanmar, we urge the United Nations and its Member States to take the following concrete actions:

Enforce Strict Non-Recognition: Categorically reject the junta's fraudulent elections and their manufactured results. The military junta's atrocities have deepened; the people's

suffering have aggravated further. The unwarranted diplomatic engagements will embolden the military junta to commit further international crimes.

Empower Democratic Alliances: Further strengthen and formalize multilateral engagement with the NUG and the SCEF.

Revamp Regional Diplomacy: Demand that ASEAN re-evaluate its approach to meaningfully consult with and support the SCEF and women-led civil society networks.

Deliver Direct Humanitarian Support: Circumvent the junta's blockades by providing flexible, direct financial and technical support to women-led civil society organizations operating on the ground.

Ensure Legal Accountability: Support international judicial mechanisms to hold the military perpetrators fully accountable for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and sexual violence.

Madam President,

The future of Myanmar rests on the elimination of military dictatorship and the establishment of a federal democratic union.

The courage of Myanmar's women on the ground demonstrates that they are not merely survivors of this conflict, but the very architects of our future peace.

There is no time to lose. The root cause of the issue must be fully addressed.

We look to this Council and the entire United Nations system to match the resilience of our people with decisive action, ensuring that impunity is ended, accountability is upheld and that the legitimate, inclusive voice of the people of Myanmar finally prevails.

I thank you.
