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**Statement by U Nu, Chairman,
Myanmar Ambassador to Belgium and European Community,
and Minister of the Myanmar Delegation,
on Agenda Item 65
"The Rule of Law at the National and International Levels"
before the
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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation associates itself with the Myanmar Delegation on behalf of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in the statement made by Myanmar on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) under this agenda item.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to thank the Secretary-General for his report on "Strengthening and Coordinating United Nations Rule of Law Activities" which highlights, by both national and international levels, my delegation welcomes the outcome document on the rule of law which was unanimously adopted at the United Nations Conference on the Rule of Law at the National and International Levels last year. We are encouraged by the support of 139 Member States and observers expressing their wish to strengthen the rule of law mechanisms.

Mr. Chairman,

We believe that Member States should continue to provide technical assistance offering a helping hand in their endeavors to strengthen the rule of law at the national and international levels. In Myanmar, we are in the process of strengthening the rule of law in its transition, Myanmar welcomes the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Secretariat of the United Nations will have an active role in coordinating and rationalizing the activities of my

Mr. Chairman,

Another remarkable area of cooperation between Myanmar and international community is the multilateral forum for the promotion of human rights. With a view to protecting and promoting human rights, Myanmar has put in place Human Rights Dialogue and has been exchanging views with various international organizations. To exchange best practices with them. In addition, the establishment of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, which has recently emerged as

Mr. Chairman,

At the national level, ensuring the rule of law as well as peace and stability occupies a place of high priority for the Government. The Government has established "Rule of Law and Stability Committee" by the Union Minister (CWC) of the Parliament) in Myanmar. In addition, a number of existing laws have been revised and new laws have already been enacted to bring them in line with international norms.

Mr. Chairman,

Myanmar is mindful of the need to adjust its national laws to be in conformity with the international law and its applicable international instruments. At this particular juncture, United Nations' capacity-building and technical assistance programmes are being implemented in Myanmar for the capacity-building of legal professionals and for the drafting of laws. Myanmar would welcome such capacity-building programmes, technical assistance and expert advice.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, Myanmar would like to place on record our appreciation and gratitude to the Rule of Law Unit for the valuable briefings and coordination provided to the regional officials of the IJL.

I thank you.
