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**Intervention by Ambassador U Hau Do Suan, Head of Delegation of Myanmar at
the Commemorative Ceremony of the 25th Anniversary of the International
Seabed Authority
Kingston, 25 July 2019**

Madam President,

Let me begin by extending our warmest congratulations to the International Seabed Authority on this auspicious occasion of the Silver Jubilee of its establishment. We would like to express our best wishes for the continued success of the Authority in the implementation of its mandate for the benefit of all humankind.

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the Republic of Korea on behalf of the Asia Pacific Group.

My delegation thanks the Secretary-General Mr. Michael Lodge for organizing this commemorative ceremony and other relevant events to mark the 25th Anniversary in a fitting and meaningful manner. We are truly honoured and proud to be part of this historic celebration.

As we gather here today we remember and pay tribute to the founding fathers of the ISA and former Secretary-Generals for their remarkable contributions and relentless efforts for the growth and success of the Authority since its inception.

My delegation would also like to express its deep appreciations to the Government and the people of Jamaica for hosting the Head Quarters of the International Seabed Authority and providing all necessary support and assistance throughout the past 25 years.

Madam President,

As a country with over 2400 kilometers coast line, Myanmar attaches great importance to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and 1994 agreement relating to the implementation of part XI of the Convention.

Myanmar has been continuously and actively participating in the work of the International Seabed Authority since its inception. Our participation in the work of Finance Committee over the past 17 years as a member of the Committee, and paying its own share of assessed financial contribution in full and on time, albeit a modest one, reflect our commitment to the cause of the ISA.

In demonstration of our support to the ISA, and in commemoration of the Authority's 25th Anniversary, the Government of Myanmar has presented a Myanmar traditional musical instrument -SaungGauk (Myanmar Harp), as a national cultural gift of Myanmar to be displayed in the ISA gallery.

In order to strengthen its partnership with ISA, Myanmar will host the first ISA capacity building workshop for the region in September 2019 this year. We believe that the workshop will contribute to building capacity of developing States. It is indeed another fitting event to mark the 25th anniversary of the Authority.

Madam President,

The International Seabed Authority has made significant achievements in the past 25 years in the implementation of its mandate under the provisions of the Convention and the 1994 Agreement. Today, the Authority has reached a critical juncture of transition from exploration to exploitation level of its mandate in ocean governance.

Therefore, Let us redouble our efforts to further strengthening the role of the Authority in maintaining the rule of law, conservation of marine environment, sustainable use of the resources and equitable sharing of the benefit derived from the deep seabed in the Area as common heritage of mankind.

I thank you.