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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Advisory Committee of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and, with reference to the latter's note dated. 2 March 2020 requesting the inputs and information regarding the current levels of representation of women in human rights organs and mechanisms in States, has the honour to enclose here with the inputs from Myanmar.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to the Secretariat of the Advisory Committee of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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## **Response by Myanmar**

- Myanmar has already ratified the Convention on the rights of the Child-CRC and the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Eliminations against Women (CEDAW) and the Department of Social Welfare of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement worked as the focal point for the implementation of the Conventions.
  
- The legal provisions that are covered and protected for the promotion of gender equality are prescribed in the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. It is described that “Every citizen shall enjoy the right of equality, the right of liberty and the right of justice, as prescribed in this Constitution.” in section 21 (a), “The Union shall guarantee any person to enjoy equal rights before the law and shall equally provide legal protection.” in section 347, “Citizens shall enjoy equal opportunity in carrying out the following functions: (a) public employment; (b) occupation; (c) trade; (d) business; (e) technical know-how and vocation; (f) exploration of art, science and technology.” in section 349, and “Women shall be entitled to the same rights and salaries as that received by men in respect of similar work” in section 350, and “Mothers, children and expectants women shall enjoy equal rights as prescribed by law.” in section 351 as well as “The Union shall honour and assist citizens who are outstanding in education irrespective of race, religion and sex according to their qualifications.” in section 368.
  
- In the implementation of these Conventions, DSW-MSWRR has formed National Committee on the Rights of the Child and Myanmar National Committee on Women (MNCW) and implemented the activities, the representatives from the related ministries or departments are nominated as the members of these committees in line with their ranks or positions. The representatives from government departments or ministries and NGOs as well as experts are participated in the NCRC. At the moment, according to the gender status, there are 37.8% of women and 62.2% of men in the total (37) members of the committee. Then, MNCW was also formed with government officers, NGOs for women issues, and Community-based organizations. At present, there are 31 members in the committee and according to the gender status 45.2% are women and 54.5% are men.

- In order to enhance the rights of the children, NCRC is extended its committee at Naypyitaw Union territory, States and Regions, Districts and Township Committees. Like this, for the sake of the women, MNCW is extended its committee at Naypyitaw Union territory, States and Regions, Districts and Township Committees.
- Moreover, DSW-MSWRR nominated women as a focal point of ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) and representatives for child rights and women rights of ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the rights of Women and Children (ACWC) under the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Council.
- In accordance with section 23 of Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement noted, the government is focusing to reach 30% of women to participate in the peace process and 22% of women have already participated in the third Union Peace Conference.

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