

Statement by Myanmar Delegation
Workshop on the impact of the application of unilateral coercive
measures on the enjoyment of human rights by the affected
populations, in particular their socioeconomic impact on women
and children, in the States targeted
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Mr. Chairman,

First of all, my delegation would like to express our appreciation to the OHCHR for organizing this Workshop. We also would like to commend you, Mr. Chairman, for your leadership. I believe that this workshop will produce a fruitful outcome.

Myanmar would like to reiterate our belief that the economic, commercial and financial embargoes imposed by some countries on the targeted countries have negative impact on innocent people. These unilateral embargos are not only contrary to the international law but also inconsistent with the practice of international commerce.

Myanmar is among those countries that have suffered from the unilateral coercive measures. Although most of the economic sanctions on Myanmar, have been lifted, some restrictions remain, hindering our access to markets, capitals, technology and investment. In addition, because of such unilateral sanctions, many of our youths and women have lost their job opportunities.

In this regard, my delegation would like to recall the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action which calls upon States “to refrain from any unilateral measure not in accordance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations that creates obstacles to trade relations among States and impede the full realization of the human rights set forth in the Universal Declaration Human Rights and in international human rights instruments, in particular the rights of everyone to a standard of living adequate for their health and well-being, including food and medical care, housing and the necessary social services.”

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.