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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to the letter no. UNW/2020/0002 dated 21 April 2020, regarding the implementation of General Assembly resolutions A/RES/73/146, A/RES/73/148 and A/RES/73/149 for the period from 1 August 2018 to date, has the honour to transmit the attached document with information on the implementation of the resolutions under reference for your consideration.

It would be highly appreciated if the information provided could be reflected appropriately in the final report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 19 May 2020



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**Implementation of the GA resolution on Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls: sexual violence (A/RES/73/148)**

- In Myanmar, gender-based violence (GBV) can be prosecuted under the existing laws: the Penal Code, the Anti-trafficking in Persons Law and Child Rights Law.
- The Penal Code is amended two times in 2006 and 2008. Under the Penal Code, legal actions are taken against physical violence, sexual abuse and sexual violence and the survivor can access legal protection. In rape case, whoever commits rape against person under twelve years old shall be punishable of life imprisonment.
- The 1993 Child Rights Law was amended into the new Child Rights Law and adopted on July 23, 2019.
- In the revised Child Rights Law, the legal age determination of a child is amended to (18) years and the legal age of marriage is also increased to (18) years.
- The Department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (DSW-MSWRR) is conducting community-wide awareness raising activities on the legal protection process and violence against women. DSW-MSWRR carries out programs in cooperation with relevant government departments and organizations to access justice in line with the existing laws.
- In 2019, DSW developed new Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for violence against women from the existing Child Protection Standard Operating Procedures in cooperation with UNFPA and UNICEF which is currently being implemented.
- In order to mainstream the rights of women and gender issues into government policies and to support cooperation and collaboration with government ministries and to undertake women development programs, the Myanmar National Committee on Women (MNCW), a women development mechanism, was formed in 2018. One of the four policy objectives of MNCW is to protect and prevent women from any forms of violence. It also includes developing new laws and regulations and to conduct awareness raising activities.
- A draft bill has been submitted to the Pyithu Hluttaw (Parliament) to effectively protect women from all forms of violence including sexual violence.
- A 24 hours Help Line Service was launched in 2016 to protect violence against women and to provide counseling services.
- One Stop Women Support Centers (OSWSC) were established in Yangon, Mandalay, Lashio, Mawlamyine, Kayah and Sagaing Townships to support women and girls survivors. They are provided with temporary shelters, psycho-social support services, health care services, legal aids and follow-up cash assistance.
- In 2018, the Joint Communique on Prevention and Response to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence was signed between the Government of Myanmar and the United Nations. The National Committee and the Working Committee were formed and a draft action plan is being developed.
- During COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, 24 hours Help Line Services, psycho-social support, referral to health and legal aids are provided without interruption.