



2. *Speaker: San Their Maung*
Mr. President,

The Lutheran World Federation and its partners¹ would like to commend the Government of Myanmar for its constructive engagement with the Universal Periodic Review mechanism and look forward to concrete implementation measures of the recommendations that are pending adoption today.

LWF would like to reiterate its support and desire to collaborate with the Government of Myanmar in implementing accepted recommendations to improve the human rights situation in the country, particularly but not exclusively, strengthening the rule of law; improving protection of all; promoting religious and ethnic harmony and understanding; improving women's rights; enhancing access to clean and safe water; improving access to land and land rights; ensuring all acquire birth registration; and resolving key issues relating to right to nationality.

LWF and its partners will continue to leverage their respective positions in providing platforms for key government and non-governmental stakeholders to come together; discuss key challenges; devise joint solutions to addressing these challenges; and in collectively implementing these solutions.

Mr. President, in order to carry out these duties and ensure that the UPR mechanism makes a difference on the ground, we call upon, first the government of Myanmar to continue working closely with all national stakeholders in the implementation and monitoring of the UPR recommendations and secondly, the international community to provide necessary support for the government of Myanmar in its endeavour to realize human rights for its citizens.

I thank you Mr. President

¹ Human Rights Defender Forum, Akhaya Women, the Land Core Group, Child Fund Myanmar, Fin Church Aid and Church of Sweden.