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Your Excellencies

Members of GEF constituency

Representatives of Multilateral Environmental Agencies

Representatives of GEF implementing agencies

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. On behalf of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Government of Vietnam and Global Environment Facility (GEF) Secretariat for inviting us to this auspicious Assembly and extending such excellent hospitality. It is my great pleasure to participate in this important event, as well as visiting the beautiful city of Danang.
2. Human activities have exceeded our planet's capacity to provide for the future challenges in terms of the adverse impacts of climate change, loss of biodiversity, severe land degradation. In this context, GEF as the financial mechanism for supporting the implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements, is indispensable and is vital to addressing the current and future environmental and climate change issues we face.
3. Myanmar as a Least Developed Country (LDC) with various development challenges, has made significant progress through the support of GEF in addressing environmental and development issues/ challenges through the effective usage of available STAR allocation and LDCF of GEF resources.
4. It is worth mentioning that Myanmar is preparing its GEF7 programme through consultation with multi-national stakeholders and GEF agencies in order to ensure country driven and efficient use of the GEF resources while considering to align with the 2020 GEF strategy and impact programme.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

5. With the aim of increasing country ownership and further improving the efficiency, transparency and accountability, strong communication among GEF, implementing agencies and beneficiary countries is key to improving the effectiveness of the GEF and enhancing coordination and collaboration within the country.
6. Myanmar would like to congratulate to the efforts of the GEF Secretariat and the contribution of donors for GEF-7 replenishment. Myanmar Union Government greatly appreciates GEF council and the role it plays in the environmental leadership.
7. We would like to support the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) which has made a good progress. Myanmar looks forward to joining the Small Grant Programme and to enhance the work of local NGOs, Civil Service Organization (CSO) and local communities.
8. Finally, within this two days event, we do hope to reach tangible and concrete results. Again, we would like to express our special thanks and appreciation to the GEF CEO Madam Naoko Ishii, donors and GEF council for their continued support and efforts. Wishing all of you great success during the assembly.

Thank you.