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Note verbale dated 9 June 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Myanmar to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva addressed to the secretariat of the Human Rights Council

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 Human Rights Council and has the honour to enclose herewith the closing remarks made by the leader of the delegation of Myanmar, Dr. Tun Shin, Attorney General of the Union of Myanmar, to the Council at its seventeenth session during the adoption of the universal periodic review outcome of Myanmar on 8 June 2011.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar would highly appreciate it if the secretariat of the Human Rights Council could kindly display the attached remarks* on its Extranet page and record the present note as a document of the seventeenth session.

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Annex

Closing Statement by His Excellency Dr. Tun Shin, The Attorney General of the Union, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Leader of Myanmar Delegation to the 17th session of the Human Rights Council, at the adoption of the Myanmar's UPR Report (Geneva, 8 June 2011)

In the English Common Law System, there is something called the Test of Reasonableness. It means whenever a person is confronted with a matter of any kind, he thinks like a prudent man on the street after which he draws a conclusion. In human rights one must take into account that the Government of Myanmar though 69 days old, has the political will to promote and protect human rights and also to cooperate with United Nations. Thus the conclusion in the positive spirit of political will to protect and promote human rights. This has also proved to be the reality in both law and practice.

I wish to reiterate and reconfirm Doc.17/HRC/17/20 which was adopted by the Working Group of UPR process last January and in particular the conclusion and the statement made by the Myanmar Delegation Leader.

I also draw attention to the decision of the Foreign Ministers' Retreat and Special ASEAN Coordination Council Meeting at Lombok, Indonesia on 16 January 2011 and that positive developments have taken place in Myanmar and thus the Ministers urged the international community that has imposed sanctions on Myanmar to lift them.

These positive developments are Res ipsa loquitur in law which in plain English "things speak for itself".

Myanmar is reaching new milestone, opening new chapter and turning new pages. Cannot be international community resort to the aged old legal principle of Reasonableness?

Finally, may I thank the President for the exemplary manner in which he conducted this meeting.
