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National level Universal Periodic Review meeting held

THE first coordination meeting of a national-level committee on implementing recommendations of Universal Periodic Review – UPR was held yesterday morning at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Home Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. Vice President U Myint Swe, Chairman of UPR, delivered an opening speech at this meeting.

Present at the meeting were Vice Chairmen of the committee Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Dr. Win Myat Aye, U Kyaw Tin and Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, committee members Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Chairman U Win Mra, Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Aung Thu, Rear Admiral Myint Nwe, Maj-Gen Than Htut, U Khin Maung Tin, U Aung Hla Tun, Dr. Daw Mya Lay Sein and U Sett Aung, Permanent Secretaries, Directors-General, Joint Secretary of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Secretary of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and officials.

In his opening speech, Vice President U Myint Swe said that the Universal Periodical Review (UPR) is a process which makes a periodic review of the human rights records and which carries out in accordance with the implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution



Vice President U Myint Swe delivers the opening speech at the coordination meeting on National level Universal Periodic Review - UPR in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

65/251. Myanmar has submitted the first and the second UPRs to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights - OHCHR in Geneva, Switzerland in 2011 and 2015 and which were under review by the UN Human Rights Council.

During the Second Cycle of UPR, Myanmar received 281 recommendations from 93 countries. Out of 281 recommendations, Myanmar accepted 166 recommendations.

With the aim of implementing these recommendations, a workshop was held on 9-10 August 2016, organized by the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission in Nay Pyi Taw. Similarly, another workshop was convened under the aegis of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) and the Lutheran World Federation (Myanmar) on 21 and 22 June 2018 in Nay Pyi Taw. Based on the results of this workshop, the MNHRC submitted the recommendations to the Office of the President; thereby the National-level committee on implementation of Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was formed with five functions and 25 members on October 19, 2018.

A preliminary meeting on National level Universal Periodic Review – UPR was held on

12 November 2018 and which was led by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs and officials. The meeting had designated and identified ministries and organizations that would be held accountable for carrying out the implementations process of 12 sectors. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be accountable for 41 issues to sign the international human rights treaties, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission would be held accountable for 7 issues concerning its commission, the Ministry of International Cooperation would be held accountable for 4 issues to cooperate with UN Human Rights Mechanisms, the Office of the Union Attorney-General would be held accountable for 19 issues of reformation of democracy, peace, rule of law and

human rights, the Ministry of Planning and Finance would be held accountable for 12 issues of economic development, the Ministry of Home Affairs would be held accountable for 10 issues of formation of good governance system and land confiscations, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement would be held accountable for 15 issues of promoting gender equality and vulnerability together with 15 issues of discrimination, the Ministry of Education would be held accountable for 13 issues of health and education, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture would be held accountable for 18 issues of interfaith, freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly, the Ministry of Labour,

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Cooperation among the relevant work committees, ministries and organizations is needed in order to get a complete national report in time.

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