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**Statement by Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative of the  
Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations at the General Discussion of  
the Fifty-seventh Session of the Commission on Population and Development  
(New York, 2 May 2024)**

**Madam Chair,**

I wish to begin by thanking you and the Bureau for your hard work during the negotiation and the current session of the Commission.

As we mark the thirtieth anniversary of the ICPD, Myanmar welcomes the timely priority theme to assess the status of implementation of the Programme of Action (PoA). In this regard, I wish to congratulate those Member states that have made measurable progress on certain areas of the PoA.

Taking this opportunity, I thank the Executive Director of UNFPA and her team for their hard work and necessary support to the member states.

While appreciating the progress on implementation PoA in many member states, we must remain cognizant of the uneven progress of countries in special situations, low-income countries and countries undergoing conflict, and take appropriate actions for the further implementation of the PoA.

**Madam Chair,**

The principles of the ICPD PoA reaffirm that human beings are at the center of concerns for sustainable development, and everyone has the right to life, liberty, security of person as well as the right to development. Ensuring the rights of individuals is the foundation to people-centered development, improving f1 0 0 1 94 59. 59. 595 reW\* n24 59. 59. 59ETQ.0000092e

rights-based approaches in our population and development policies.

Population and development are intrinsically linked and progress in any of the two areas can catalyze improvements in the other.

Unfortunately, in my country, Myanmar, both aspects of the ICPD PoA have been deteriorating since the attempted military coup in 2021. In the interest of time, allow me to focus on the following Chapters of the PoA.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Chapter III, Section B): UNDP reported that in 2023, nearly half of the population was living below the national poverty line dollar 0.40. An additional 25 percent of the population were hanging by a thread, just above the poverty line, indicating a disappearing middle class.

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youth. Now they are losing their prospects to fulfill their potential  
disregard for their future. As youth are leaders of our future, we .9 re7(g)13(a)17(r)17)13(-)113(e)17)

As such, I wish to appeal to you all and the international community to protect these young people and their future by strongly and effectively supporting the National Unity Government and the ethnic resistance forces in their efforts for ending the military dictatorship and building a federal democratic union.

Myanmar reiterates its commitment to fully realize the ICPD Agenda.

I thank you.

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