Statement delivered by Myanmar at the 67th session of the Trade and Development Board

Item 17 (a): Report by the Chair of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of Bangkok Plan of Action on the implementation of courses by the secretariat in 2019-2020 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body

Geneva, 8 September 2020

Mr. President,

Myanmar aligns itself with the statements made by Zambia and Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and Asia Pacific, respectively.

Myanmar would like to thank the Chair of the Advisory Body for the report on the work of the Advisory Body for the year 2019-2020.

Myanmar wishes to join others in thanking the Governments of Egypt, Kenya, Serbia, Colombia and Singapore for organizing the regional courses in collaboration with UNCTAD.

We noted that the curriculum for the regional courses and short courses for Geneva-based delegates has been consistently revised and updated to reflect the needs and requests. Given the current circumstances of the economic uncertainty and impacts resulted from the pandemic, we are of the view that future courses and trainings should focus more on how to recover from the crisis and build a better resilient economy.

Taking this opportunity, we commend the Secretary General and the Secretariat for their efforts, even in the time of unprecedented pandemic, continuously organizing the regional courses and the short courses with a high level of quality, both in terms of substance and calibre of expertise.

Amidst the challenges ahead, we wish the successful implementation of P166 in the years to come. I thank you, Mr. President.

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