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19th SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

27 February – 23 March 2012

**AGENDA ITEM 4: HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS THAT
REQUIRE THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION**

Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar

EXPLANATION OF VOTE BY INDIA

(22nd March 2012)

Madam President,

India has emphasized consistently the need to expedite the political reforms and the national reconciliation process in Myanmar and make it more inclusive and broad-based. We have also taken note of steps taken by some in the international community to engage constructively with Myanmar rather than resort to sanctions, which, in our opinion, is counter-productive. We have also taken note of the far-reaching reforms undertaken by the Government of Myanmar in the recent past.

2. Consequently, we believe that the international community should engage more constructively at this juncture with the Government of Myanmar to support these processes. In this context, we do not regard the resolution under consideration as being helpful and have, therefore, decided to disassociate ourselves from draft resolution L.30, and its adoption, once again. We would, however, continue to work with the like-minded countries in supporting the initiatives of the UN Secretary-General.

Thank you, Madam President.
