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U.S. Embassy Applauds the National Strategic Plan for the Advancement of Women in Myanmar

Yangon - The U.S. Government commends the significant work of civil society and the Union government in developing the National Strategic Plan for the Advancement of Women (NSPAW), which the government launched in Naypyitaw on October 3. The U.S. has followed carefully the development of the Plan since its inception in 2011, and welcomes the commitment to women's empowerment and protection enshrined in it. The quality of the plan highlights the value of the Government and civil society working together to develop policies for the benefit of the people. We highly commend this model of government-civil society cooperation. Continued collaboration between the government and civil society will be needed for the plan's successful implementation, and to achieve the goal of an inclusive society in which both men and women play meaningful roles in the country's economic, political, and social development.

The United States is dedicated to ensuring that women and girls are able to participate fully in social, political, and economic life in their country. Consistent with President Obama's National Plan of Action on Women, Peace and National Security, the U.S. Embassy is committed to being a partner with the Government and people of Myanmar to ensure that women's voices are prominent in the dialogue on the future of this country.

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