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### **MESSAGE ON THE 26<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIMSTEC**

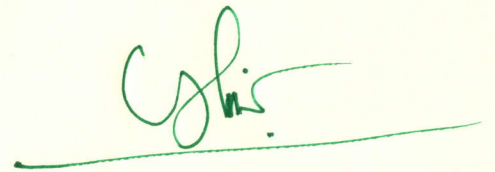
On behalf of the People and Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, it is my utmost pleasure to extend the warmest greetings and felicitations to the Peoples and Governments of BIMSTEC Member States as well as the BIMSTEC Secretariat on this auspicious occasion of the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).

Myanmar joined BIMSTEC on 22 December 1997 with shared aspiration of collective efforts for economic development and perduring peace in the Bay of Bengal Region. In the twenty six years of its journey, BIMSTEC, as a ruled-based intergovernmental organization, has been able to put its best foot forward in enhancing economic growth and prosperity in the region. I also have a firm believe that our commitments under BIMSTEC mechanism bring stronger solidarity and friendship among the Member States.

Today, the ramifications of COVID-19 pandemic and the disruption of global economic stability caused unprecedented difficulties to the peoples around the world. I am confident that our collective and tenacious endeavours under BIMSTEC framework empower Member States to address such global challenges in particular for the economic revitalization.

On this auspicious day, I would like to reiterate the faithful and active cooperation of Myanmar to achieve the aims and objectives set forth in the Charter of BIMSTEC.

I wish BIMSTEC every success in its future endeavours of facilitating peace, prosperity and sustainable inclusive development to the peoples of Bay of Bengal Region.



**Senior General Min Aung Hlaing**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 6 June 2023**