

The Opening Speech of the Director General of B.S.I  
on United Nations Convention Against Corruption  
Pre-ratification Workshop for Myanmar

Excellencies

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen

1. First of all, may I express my best wishes for your good health, happiness and personal well-being to International experts, Delegates from UNODC, participants from legislative, administrative, judicial sectors and relevant ministries and departments.
2. Corruption is a serious concern for human rights and economy. It can also harm the economy, politic, national integrity and easily spread to all states.
3. In Myanmar History, corruption is used to be presume as vice and illegal practice. Concerning with anti-corruption, you can learn the provisions <sup>in the chapter</sup> of the Penal Code, enacted in 1861. Especially for the offences committed by the

public servants. Similarly, to take action against effectively, Myanmar government has promulgated the Suppression of Corruption Act (1948) as a special law throughout our history.

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4. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar had signed the UNCAC on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 as a member state and prepared for the necessary requirements to ratify this convention in the process in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The new government elected by the people of Myanmar took the office on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to fulfill the nation-building works for modern developed democratic nation.

5. At present, the Myanmar government has conducted all sectors including politics, economy and social welfare in accord with the democratic practices. The Myanmar government has been striving to create good governance and clean government.

6. Corruption is an event of the process in our history. It is not only the interesting matter for the public but also an incurable disease. It is generally defined that corruption consists of abuse of power, bribery and intentional omission of discharging its duties.

7. Anti-corruption plays as vital role to establish the modernized and developed nation. Myanmar has already determine to eradicate corruption in cooperation with regional countries and internationally. After revising the existing anti-corruption laws, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has already prepared the Bill concerning with anti-corruption to be uniformed with the international standards and norms with the provision of UNCAC. The new anti-corruption law will be emerge soon after the president sign and issue its law from the approval of the Parliament.

8. In line with new anti-corruption laws Myanmar will compose an independent organization with the structure of implementation mechanism to combat corruption prescribe in the convention.

9. The government of Myanmar has been implementing the nation-building process including poverty reduction, easy

access and transparency of the mechanism of governmental functions, building of structural organization to form government departments and central body to take action against corruption effectively and revision of law and procedure for anti-corruption. All of our distinguished guests and delegates may come to realize that the Union of Myanmar has prepared the all necessary process to ratify the UNCAC.

\* *EXCELLENCE, DISTINGUISHED GUEST LADIES AND GENTLEMEN*  
10. As a conclusion, I would like to express that this Pre-ratification workshop plays an important role not only to be the clean government but also uplifting the cooperation with the regional nations and internationally. I would also like to cordially welcome and invite all distinguished guests and participants to participate in constructive discussion based upon knowledge and skills in an open manner. I earnestly hope that the best result will come of your advice and discussion.

11. I would like to conclude my opening ceremony speech with my sincere thanks to all our concerning senior officials from legislative, administrative and judicial sectors of Myanmar. Especially much thanks to experts and technicians from UNODC. Thank you so much.