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MESSAGE ON THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIMSTEC

On the occasion of the 29th Anniversary of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), I convey my warm greetings to the Governments and Peoples of the BIMSTEC Member States.

As BIMSTEC continues to mature as a regional organization, our collective priority must be to ensure effective implementation of the decisions and commitments undertaken by our Leaders.

In this regard, enhancing coordination among sectoral lead countries, strengthening the role of the BIMSTEC Secretariat, and improving inter-sectoral linkages will be essential to advancing cooperation across priority areas. Greater emphasis should also be placed on monitoring progress and ensuring that our initiatives deliver measurable outcomes.

Myanmar attaches importance to advancing practical cooperation in key areas, including connectivity, maritime transport, food security and disaster management. Strengthening resilience in the face of evolving regional challenges, including climate-related risks and public health, also remains a shared responsibility of all Member States.

As we mark this anniversary, I encourage continued engagement at all levels to maintain momentum and to translate our shared vision into concrete benefits for our peoples. Myanmar stands ready to work closely with all Member States and the BIMSTEC Secretariat in advancing a more effective and responsive BIMSTEC.

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