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Statement by Mr. Nyan Lin Aung, Alternate Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on Agenda Item- 174

"Observer status for the Boao Forum for Asia in the General Assembly" at the Sixth Committee of the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

Mr. Chairman.

At the outset, I would like to thank the delegation of the People's Republic of China for introducing the draft resolution entitled "Observer Status for the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) in the General Assembly."

The Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) is a non-profit international organization jointly initiated by 29 Member States including my country, Myanmar. In this connection, my delegation is pleased to co-sponsor the resolution as one of the founding member of the Forum.

The Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) is founded with the aim to promote economic integration in Asia. The Forum is now serving as a high-level venue for dialogue among governments, business and academic leaders in Asia to exchange views to enhance cooperation among Asian countries, and between Asian countries and other parts of the world.

Mr. Chairman,

The Boao Forum also works closely with the United Nations specialized agencies and major international economic organizations in co-hosting conferences in specialized areas, conducting joint studies and releasing reports on regional and global economic trends.

In 2019, the Forum signed a cooperation agreement with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations and held the Global Health Forum with the World Health Organization to advance their shared goals.

My delegation is of the view that the functions and activities of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) fully cover the matter of interest to the General Assembly. Thus, it meets the criteria set out in the General Assembly decision 49/426 of 9 December 2019.

We therefore support the granting of an observer status for the Boao Forum for Asia in the General Assembly.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.