

Brief of the Statement made by H.E U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at 4th BIMSTEC Summit

President said that since the Third BIMSTEC Summit held in Nay Pyi Taw, in 2014, BIMSTEC made considerable progress especially establishment of BIMSTEC Permanent Secretariat in Dhaka.

President highlighted the importance of Agriculture sector which is the mainstay of the national economy for many BIMSTEC Member States. And he informed that Myanmar as a Lead country of Agriculture sector, will host First BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture in Myanmar in 2019. He also mentioned that MoU for the Establishment of the BIMSTEC Grid Interconnection which will be signed during this summit would serve a framework for trade in electricity across the region.

President also underscored the importance of the BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs Meeting which provides platform for strategic dialogue and practical cooperation in the BIMSTEC Counter Terrorism sector.

He also underlined the necessity of formulating the Rules of Procedure of the BIMSTEC institutional mechanisms, developing BIMSTEC Charter and rationalization of BIMSTEC existing cooperation areas. Finally President expressed Myanmar's strong commitments to strengthen BIMSTEC cooperation towards "**Peaceful, Prosperous and Sustainable Bay of Bengal Region**".