

**Closing Remarks by U Aung Kyi Nyunt, Representative of National
Parliament, Myanmar on
"Awareness Raising on the UPOV System of Plant Variety
Protection" Seminar
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**Good Afternoon,
Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I would like to express my sincere thanks to –

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- Senior Officials from different Departments of Myanmar,
- Representatives of NGO, INGO and Plant Breeding and Seed Production Companies of Myanmar.

I would like to highly acknowledge all the presenters for your presentations and keen discussion by all participants during today seminar.

We are well aware now the tools for UPOV members for international cooperation and harmonization as well as the UPOV Convention and benefits of UPOV membership.

Moreover, we learnt many information and knowledge on the impacts and challenges for agriculture and impact of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention from our partner experiences through today seminar. Information on Rights and PVP systems of different countries is very helpful for the implementation of our national PVP system.

According to the valuable suggestions and comments for our PVP law and related application procedure we believed that we will be able to smoothly implement our PVP system.

I would like to kindly extend my heartfelt thanks to H.E Union Minister, Dr. Aung Thu, for his delivering opening speech and guide line for our future PVP system in Myanmar.

I would like to express my thanks to all of the delegates, for your keen interested in all aspects and your discussions and deliberation for our PVP system.

In my conclusion, we are a very beginning step to establish our PVP system for the benefits of plant breeders, seed producers, famers and all our people. I would like request all agencies participating today seminar to keep in touch with us and share your kind assistance for our future activities.

Thank you.