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**RESOLUTION ON AUNG SAN SUU KYI AND OTHER  
POLITICAL PRISONERS IN MYANMAR**

**(Oct 2, 2009)**

**E.O.V. BY INDIA**

Mr. President,

The Government of Myanmar is aware of the Government of India's position on the need to expedite the political reforms and to broad-base the national reconciliation process. In the past, we have underscored the centrality and importance of the good offices of the UN Secretary-General and that of his Special Envoy, Mr Ibrahim Gambari, in facilitating the country's processes of national reconciliation and democratic transition.

2. In this regard, we have taken note of the UN Secretary-General's visit to Myanmar in July 2009 and the participation of the Prime Minister of Myanmar in the ongoing UN General Assembly session. We have also noted the various steps taken so far by the Government of Myanmar, including the release of over 7,000 prisoners and some political prisoners that the Government of Myanmar has effected recently. We believe that the international community should engage constructively with the Government of Myanmar to support these processes. India has consistently been opposed to the imposition of sanctions and we note that some countries are now rethinking the efficacy of the sanctions.

3. In this context, Mr President, we do not regard the resolution under consideration as being helpful. We have, therefore, decided to disassociate ourselves from draft resolution L.32 once again. We would, however, continue to work with like-minded countries in supporting the initiatives of the UN Secretary-General.

Thank you, Mr. President.