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Statement by MICPA on the holding of the 22nd AFA Conference

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1. The Myanmar Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) is an independent, professional, and non-political organisation, legally recognised as a National Accountancy Body by the Myanmar Accountancy Council Law 2015. The Institute aspires to lead in the development of the accountancy profession in Myanmar and contribute to regional development of the ASEAN accountancy profession.

2. As a Primary Member and current holder of the ASEAN Federation of Accountants (AFA) presidency, MICPA is co-organising the virtual 22nd AFA Conference. The Conference is AFA's biennial flagship event and a platform for learning and sharing, with the aim to provide ASEAN accountants and stakeholders with insights from global experts on current topics relevant to the ASEAN accountancy profession. AFA's presidency is by rotation among its Primary Members, and MICPA has for the past 2 years been conscientiously executing the important role for the region in good faith. By tradition, MICPA is co-organising the Conference with AFA in conjunction with the handing over of the presidency to the next member organisation.

3. In the light of recent focus on the 22nd AFA Conference, we would like to emphasise our confidence in the planning and decision making which has been conducted on an entirely well-founded non-political and non-partisan basis. The Conference is a non-political event and should remain as an impartial platform for collaboration between the ASEAN Professional Accountancy Organisations. We will continue to work with our partners and stakeholders to ensure that the Conference will remain neutral from any political interests.

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