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United Nationalities Federal Council (Union of Burma)

Statement on 8th Round of Talks between SD and UPWC regarding Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (draft)

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1. The 8th round of talks, held from July 22 to 24, 2015 by the Senior Delegation (SD), representing the ethnic armed resistance organizations for nationwide ceasefire and the Union Peace-making Work Committee, on the NCA (draft) at the Myanmar Peace Center in Rangoon, is regarded as a positive dialogue.

2. While the dialogue was being held, the government army's offensives on the ground in Kachin, Shan and Karen States were occurring without pause. This is like a stumbling block on the way to reaching for nationwide ceasefire.

3. If the building of genuine internal peace is actually desired, we would like to urge again to cease unconditionally all the government troops' offensives, launched under various pretexts on the ground, and find resolution peacefully at the dialogue table.

4. Though the government has been saying that it is intending to find resolutions to the various political problems peacefully through political dialogues after achieving nationwide ceasefire, it is rejecting, on a number of excuses, the participation of all the ethnic armed resistance organizations together in signing ceasefire agreement for the accomplishment of nationwide ceasefire. At the same time, it is limiting participation in the signing of peace agreement by international witnesses, supporting our country's peace process and national reconciliation.

5. Accordingly, for the achievement of nationwide ceasefire agreement, it is necessary for the government to cease unconditionally and immediately all its ongoing offensives, which is ruining trust-building, and we seriously call on it to arrange also for all the ethnic armed resistance organizations to participate together in the signing of the agreement and the participation of an adequate number of international and in-country witnesses in the signing.

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