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UNITED NATIONALITIES FEDERAL COUNCIL (UNION OF BURMA)

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To

The Chairman
Union Peace-Making Central Committee (UPCC)

Subject: Sending UNFC Position on Dialogue and Negotiation

Dear Mr. Chairman of the Union Peace-Making Central Committee (UPCC) -
With respect I am to inform you that:

1. The government led by President U Thein Sein issued letter Nr. 1/2011, dated August 18, 2011, inviting us for peace talks. Almost immediately, we, the United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC) replied by sending a letter saying that we agreed and were ready for peace talks, a delegation had been selected and given the duty for the purpose.
2. However, the Union Peace-Making Work Committee (UPWC), instead of holding talks with the UNFC - the alliance of the ethnic armed resistance organizations - held talks separately with individual organizations and signed separately the so-called state-level ceasefire agreements, regional-level ceasefire agreements and union-level ceasefire agreements. In that process, it had signed preliminary ceasefire agreements with 6 member organizations of the UNFC.
3. Starting from the end of 2012, the government negotiation team, (UPWC), held talks with the UNFC delegation for a number of times, and then the two sides endeavored to compile a “Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement,” for signing. In that endeavor, broad-based conferences of the ethnic armed resistance organizations, including the non-UNFC members, were held twice - once at the KIO Laiza Headquarters and another time at Law Khee Lar, in the area of the KNU. A team for consultation and coordination team, known as the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordinating Team (NCCT) was formed, and for not less than four times, it has held consultation meetings with the UPWC, in order to produce a draft of “Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement”.
4. With the endeavor of the two sides, a *Single Text* draft was obtained at the latest consultation meeting held at the MPC from April 5 to 8, 2014. However, we found that the government side was still not ready to accept inclusion, in that draft, the basic principles such as – establishment of a Federal Union, according the rights of equality and self-determination to member states based on the Nationalities of the Union etc. On the other hand, the desire by

the other side to force us to submit to the laws in force, including the 2008 constitution, and the one-sided insistent proposal of the roadmap requiring continuation of the “political dialogue” only after entering the “legal fold” was a condition impossible for the UNFC and the ethnic armed resistance organizations to accept.

5. At a time when intense negotiation was in progress and more intense negotiation was necessary, the UNFC demands the immediate cessation of military offensives by Myanmar Tatmadaw with overwhelming force in the areas of KIO/KIA, SSPP/SSA (N) and PSLF/TNLA, threatening the UNFC member organizations by deploying a disproportionately large military force, human rights violations against the civilian populations and ignoring the resolution of political problems by political means.
6. The government and Tatmadaw need to make a review for reduction or cessation of hostilities and all acts of war, including military offensives mentioned above. If there is no review and restraint, our UNFC member organizations, are in a situation to review the trust building process and continuation of processes in preparation for political dialogue, including consultations for “Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement”, and I am writing to counsel that it will become necessary for us to inform and advise the international community and the entire people.

With cordial respect,

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Chairman
United Nationalities Federal Council