

**Joint Statement of the Union Peace-Making Working Committee
and the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team**

August 17, 2014

1. The Union Peace-Making Work Committee (UPWC) delegation led by Vice Chairman and Union Minister U Aung Min held talks with the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team (NCCT) delegation led by Team Leader U Nai Hong Sar for three (3) days from 15-17 August 2014 at the Myanmar Peace Center in Yangon. The delegations continued negotiations towards a single-text draft of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the ethnic armed groups.
2. The members of both delegations held amiable and open discussions on the draft Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement. Critical progress was made on the outstanding provisions remaining in the draft text reached after the May 21-23, 2014 round of negotiations.
3. Both delegations agree to hold the next round of talks in September 2014 to resolve the last outstanding provisions.
4. Both delegations are committed to a speedy completion of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement and the start of the political dialogue process.