1. In accordance with the political party registration law, the NLD is the lawfully registered political party.

2. In section-4 of the political party registration law, "Any political party under this law can stand for election after obtaining permission for registration." According to that section, the NLD contested in the 1990 multi-party general election and won about 82% of the total number of parliamentary seats.

3. Using their full power and rights freely, the people all together, cast their votes and elected the members of Parliament. This signifies that the people like and support the policy and work programme of the NLD. Therefore, NLD is the political party representing the people.

4. The members of parliament, on behalf of the people have to work for the benefit of the country and people in the parliament. Since they work for the country to the people, they are persons of esteem and dignity. In spite of that, the authority is taking action on those honorable members of parliament, citing "Habitual Criminal Offenders Act of 1961/ section 5(1)(Hsalone) (Hsalein) ".

5. This 'Act' is very lowly and is meant for the depraved criminals, who live by performing the meanest livelihood. Taking action on members of parliament by citing this 'Act' is especially degrading and derogation these honorable persons. This is also indirectly belittling and disparaging the people who cast their votes. The NLD does not accept this.

6. To compensate for the grievances, the NLD chairman went to the chief court of Justice on 15.7.98 and according to the regulation 4(kagy) put up a petition. This regulation 4(kagy) was sanctioned by SLORC on 26.9.98, mentioned in chapter (4).

Act 4(kagy) means " The following are the judicial power of the chief court of Justice.
(a) Judging the criminal case and civil case.

7. When the NLD chairman put up the petition as mentioned above, one law personal returned the petition saying, " after reading the case citing this sanction, I return it". No law has been quoted in returning the petition. This action is not at all proper
according to the law. As these actions are act according to the law, they are opposing the rule of law, those then that it is observed that the judiciary system is not straight forward.

8. The High Court advocate accompanying the NLD chairman asked, "Is this incomplete? Must we put up again?". The chairman also asked "Is this a rejection?". The law personal replied, "I can not say anything because I am a civil servant. I just return it". The accompanying advocate added, "Up to this day, 79 persons of our people have had action taken against them by the 1961 Act, and as it is injurious, we are working according to the law as a remedy. Our petition is put up according to Act - 4(kagy)"

9. The NLD, using the rights giving by the law acts accordingly. Returning the petition by the authority concerned is strongly protested and renounced (by the NLD).

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