Appeal to the People of Burma by the National League for Democracy, April 2, 2008

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Appeal to the People of Burma on the Upcoming Referendum
(Unofficial Translation)

(1) The draft constitution, which will be put forward to vote in the upcoming referendum, was not written by the elected Peoples' Representatives.

(2) It was written unilaterally by the people who were selected by the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC).

(3) Furthermore, it is not in line with the fundamental principle of democracy that “State sovereign power should ascend from the people” and therefore, it will not guarantee democracy and human rights, which the entire people of Burma are enthusiastically wishing for.

(4) The history of our country and of the world proves that no organization that governs the country will last long and be stable without the support of the people.

(5) Therefore, we urge the people from all walks of life, ethnic nationalities and organizations to go to the polling stations without fail and to decisively cast a ‘NO’ vote.

According to the decision made by the Central Executive Committee in the meetings on 20 March 2008 and 31 March 2008

2nd April 2008,