On my return from Europe

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Harn Yawngewe was invited to the European parliament and he was asked to hold a photo show on displaced persons. The large photo of Daw Suu Kyi was stuck to the wall of the European parliament in Brussels for a year to attract the sympathetic attention of Europeans. The moment Daw Suu Kyi was released, the parliament’s meeting stopped for a while and a phone call was made to give words of encouragement that it would always stand by her. Although it was attempting to get the Myanmar people into trouble by use of sanctions, it wanted to exploit Myanmar’s gas very cheaply. It was secretly trying to get the Myanmar people into the refugee camps of Thailand. It intention was not mean our national race leaders taking part in the insurgency of Tamil Tigers would stop if the Sri Lanka government did what the EU had demanded. In its history, lots of blood and sweat might have been lost at the instigation of Europeans. Now Sri Lanka has enjoyed fruits of peace as it has chosen its own way turning down the EU demands. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement regarding the EU in the Myanmar Alin Daily on 14-6-2009. The alternate chairman of the EU that has raised the KNU for years on 11 June issued a statement exaggerating the influx of its people into the refugee camps of Thailand. It intentionally harmed the dignity of the government by manufacturing fabricated news. The last paragraph of the statement clearly shows what they mean. As a matter of fact, they want to assist the KNU to prolong its existence. We have already known that. Does the EU really want to see peace and stability in Myanmar? As an ordinary public member, I would like to say that we do not want that EU alternate chairman to say later that what he said in his chairmanship was his own responsibility. As I have ever lived many parts of the Union of Myanmar, I really support the genuine Union. Don’t talk about federal principles. I had taken lessons while I was in Belgium which was about to split into northern and southern parts due to the weakness of the federal system. Therefore, my family members and I earnestly supported the 2008 constitution which says Myanmar will exercise the Union system; and that no part of the territory constituted in the Union, such as Regions, States, Union Territories and Self-Administered Areas shall never secede from the Union.

We, the national people, will have to continue to strive for the Union of Myanmar to become a more developed, discipline flourishing nation. We have to continue to march towards a glorious new nation by thwarting the danger of breaking up the nation that has overshadowed since the pre-independence period. We will have to continue to build a society with constitutionalism that follows and respect the sound provisions included in the unanimously-approved constitution. We will have to continue to ensure good governance with honest and loyal service personnel at various levels for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The national duties ahead of us are wide and enormous.

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