

Joint Statement by the UPWC and UNFC

JOINT STATEMENT

February 20, 2013

1. The eleven-member Union Peace Working Committee delegation, led by its Vice Chairman H.E. U Aung Min, and including Union Ministers H.E. U Khin Yi, H.E. U Ohn Myint, and Deputy Attorney General U Htun Htun Oo met with a United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC) twelve-member political negotiation team led by Nai Hong Sar and Dr. La Ja to discuss the Framework for Political Dialogue between 9:00 am to 17:00 pm on February 20, 2013 in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

2. Both delegations discussed the following issues in a frank and friendly manner:

- a) Political objectives;
- b) Framework for political dialogue;
- c) Timeframe for political dialogue;
- d) Drafting agenda for political dialogue;
- e) Venue for future political dialogue;
- f) Presence and role of mediators, monitors, and observers in the meetings;
- g) Six-point ethnic nationalities peace plan; and
- h) other miscellaneous issues.

3. Both delegations discussed mechanisms to secure local and international support for humanitarian assistance, education, health, agricultural and livestock sectors during the preparatory period and political dialogue for areas where member organizations of the UNFC are located.

4. Both delegations discussed holding meetings between respective technical teams.

5. Both delegations also agreed to hold a follow up meeting within two months.

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