Discussions on constitutional reform continue at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 Nov — The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on Friday approved an agreement to be signed between Myanmar and Russia to cooperate in military intelligence, followed by discussions on a report submitted by a committee responsible for the implementation of constitutional change.

U Than Nwe of Budalin constituency suggested that decentralization will promise individual states and regions control over their own affairs, a federalism demanded by ethnic parties, calling for a constitution change so that states and regions parliaments will enjoy the right to elect their regional chiefs.

Dr Win Myint Aung of Sagaing Region constituency said that ideologies and policies keep changing in the world, hinting that the constitution should be amended in a way that will ensure a win-win situation. U Steven Tha Beit of Chin State constituency called the constitution the lifeblood of the nation but pointed out the need to change undemocratic sections, citing the changing patterns of the country’s political, economic and social settings as well as of international relations.

U Khin Maung Win of Lanmadaw constituency said that the constitution is meant to safeguard and promote the interests of the ruled, noting that a constitution is a political pact reached between the ruler and the ruled. He added that constitutional amendments should take into consideration political and economic reforms, national reconciliation and ethnic conflicts. — MNA