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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw accepts proposal for six party round-table talks [on amendment of the Constitution]

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Nov — The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw accepted a proposal Tuesday to hold round-table talks among six parties, namely, the president, the speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw (lower house), the speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw (upper house), the chairperson of the main opposition National League for Democracy, a representative of ethnic parties and the commander-in-chief.

U Myint Tun, representative of Bago region constituency (No. 1), submitted the proposal, suggesting the talks to develop a constitution which is suitable for the existing situation of the country and to create opportunities for the future of the country.

At the 33rd day of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, U Thein Swe, representative of Ann township constituency, said the 2008 Constitution has resulted in parliamentary and democratic systems in the country, saying that systematic steps must be taken in charter amendment.

Daw Khin Saw Wai, representative of Yathedaung township constituency, said the priority of constitutional amendment should be placed on changing some articles which are major hurdles to this endeavor, and also suggested that all the relevant bodies consider the future of the state.

Major Kyaw Naing Htay, military representative, said that the Tatmadaw, together with the public, is taking part in the efforts of national unity and the peace-making process, commenting that the amendments are to be carried out in line with the Constitution.

U Tin Mya, representative of Sagaing region constituency, said that the amendment process should be carried out in accordance with the suggestions of parliamentarians.

U Thein Zaw, representative of Myitkyina township constituency, said that the amendment process should not rely on the biases of political parties, ethnicity and organizations, but rather be based on the welfare of people and the country, with a focus on national reconciliation.

U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairman of the Constitution Amendment Implementation Committee, urged the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to discuss constitution amendment processes at the 12th regular session of this Hluttaw after reviewing the report of the committee and discussions of 140 parliamentarians. —MNA

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