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New York, U.S.A

From: United Nationalities Alliance (UNA)

Rangoon, Burma.

Date; August , 2008.

**Subject: Submission of Suggestions on Political Situation in Burma.**

Your Excellency,

We, United Nationalities Alliance (UNA), have the honor to present this letter of suggestions to help you work out for future political processes which comply with the mandates of the United Nations Organization and real desires of people of Burma/ Myanmar and international community. Our organization (UNA) is a coalition alliance of (12) ethnic nationalities political parties which have contested and won (67) seats altogether in 1990 general elections. The political objective of our organization (UNA) is to set up a genuine Federal Union in which democracy, equality, self-determination and human right are prevailed among all nationalities.

Your Excellency,

The junta (State Peace and Development Council-SPDC) had claimed on (29-5-2008) by Notification No.(7/2008) that its draft constitution was approved by the 92.48% of the voters in the referendum which was held on (10-5-2008) and (24-5-2008). But our organization (UNA) has strongly apposed the conducts of the junta upon the processes of this constitution since the beginning and we have issued a statement on (2-6-2008) against ratification of it because of the following reasons:

- (1) The National Convention, which drew the draft constitution almost about 14 years, had not included the real representatives elected in 1990 general elections.
- (2) All of the representatives in the National Convention were the handpicked of the junta.



- (3) Even the ceased-fire groups, most of them are ethnic nationalities but not standing as legal political parties, are not legitimate groups and they can not represent the ethnic nationalities.
- (4) This constitution does not guarantee democracy, human rights and national reconciliation.
- (5) This constitution has been written against the will of people of the country and international community. And it is leading to a militarized – authoritarian dictatorship rule to suppress the people of the country.
- (6) And finally, this constitution has been one-sidedly ratified through the referendum by force and fraud.

Your Excellency,

We, United Nationalities Alliance (UNA), firmly believe that there will be no peace and tranquility in Burma/Myanmar until a genuine tripartite dialogue is materialized and national reconciliation is reconstructed. So, we would like to suggest you the following points to be implemented in the course of Secretary-General's good offices mandate by putting some appropriate pressure on the junta that;

- (a) The recent ratification of the constitution is null and void as it has been conducted against the will of the people of the country and lack of international norms.
- (b) To respect the Presidential Statement of the United Nations Security Council issued on (11-10-2007), resolutions laid down by the General Assembly and follow the Secretary-General's messages.
- (c) To release all political prisoners immediately and unconditionally.
- (d) To undertake a tripartite dialogue among the junta, democratic forces led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and representatives of ethnic nationalities it has been resolved in consecutive General-Assemblies.

We thank Your Excellency very much indeed and wish for Your Excellency's well being and success.

With regards,

United Nationalities Alliance (UNA)

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## TRANSLATION

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Statement upon the Result of Referendum.

We, United Nationalities Alliance (UNA), hereby issue a statement.

1. The junta (State Peace and Development Council-SPDC) had held the referendum to ratify the constitution, which was written with its own accord one-sidedly and grossly lack of the essence of democracy, neglecting the sorrows of people suffered by the cyclone Nargis which caused the loss of million lives of people and inestimable properties.
2. We view this referendum is not free and fair at all, as the junta's puppets of regional authorities and departments, member of Union Solidarity and Development Association-USDA and Swan Ahr Shin (Master of Strength) and authorities of polling booths had committed many sorts of riggings such as misleading, coercion and fraud.
3. At present, we are well informed that people from every state and division of the country are submitting such riggings to the United Nations Organization every day with sufficient documentary evidence as well as verbal statement to be known by the international community.
4. We hereby claim that we strongly disapprove the referendum as it was not free and fair; and we also urge the people for further revealing of sufficient and precise facts and figures through verbal statements and documentary evidence.

- Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD)
- Mon National Democratic Front (MNDF)
- Zomi National Congress (ZNC)
- Arakan League for Democracy (ALD)
- Chin National League for Democracy (CNLD)
- Kayin National Congress for Democracy (KNCD)
- Kachin State National Congress for Democracy (KNCD)
- Kayah State All Nationalities League for Democracy (KSANLD)
- Kayan National Unity and Democratic Organization (DOKNU)
- Mra People's Party (MPP)
- Shan State Kokant Democratic Party (SSKDP)
- Arakan People's Democratic Front (APDF)

Date; June 2, 2008.

Rangoon.

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