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**Seminar on Criminal Accountability in Burma:**

**“Advancing Human Rights and Ending Impunity in Burma:  
Which External Leverages?”**

The Burma Lawyers’ Council (BLC) and International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) organized a seminar on *Advancing Human Rights and Ending Impunity in Burma* for key Burmese and international organizations from 4-5 May, 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand.

In the seminar, the organizations attended were BLC, FIDH, Global Justice Center (GJC), National Council of the Union of Burma (NCUB), National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB), Women League of Burma (WLB), Network for Human Rights Documentation in Burma (ND-Burma), Ethnic Nationalities Council (ENC), Forum for Democracy in Burma (FDB), Members of Parliament Union (MPU), Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch (HRW), Representative from the International Criminal Court, ALTSEAN Burma, USCB (US Campaign for Burma), Burma Campaign UK (BCUK), Shwe Gas Campaign Committee, TBBC, HREIB (Human Rights Education Institute of Burma), Karen Human Rights Group (KHRG), Forum for Burmese in Europe (FBE), All Arakan Students and Youth Committee (AASYC), Human Rights Now – Japan, Malaysia Bar Council’s Human Rights Committee, *Chin Human Rights Organization*, Earth Rights International, International Center of Transitional Justice (ICTJ), Burma Information Network, CICC focal point in China, Asian Institute for Human Rights (AIHR), ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Myanmar Caucus, and Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW). The total number of participants is 87.

Ms. Cynthia Gabriel, Vice President of the FIDH, U Thein Oo, Chairperson of the BLC and Mr. Kraisak Choonhavan, President of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Caucus for Democracy in Myanmar-AIPMC delivered opening speeches. On the first day, the participants discussed Section (1): “Burma and the ICC: A case for referral?” and Section (2): “Documenting international crimes in Burma”.

In the second day, the participants also discussed Section (3): “Sanctions by the Security Council under Chapter VII: what are the alternatives for Burma” and Section (4): “Overview of the situation in Burma and regional dynamics”

In the morning section of second day, BLC General Secretary U Aung Htoo along with WLB’s Presidium Member Daw Thin Thin Aung made presenta-



tions with the title “Analysis on SPDC’s 2008 Constitution and 2010 election.”

On 6 May, the BLC and GJC hosted a strategic workshop that focuses on formulating advocacy strategies for UN Security Council members and developing a concrete global strategy to achieve an ICC referral.

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