

## Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 9<sup>th</sup> regular session holds 6<sup>th</sup>-day meeting

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THE sixth-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's ninth regular session was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning where Union Accord Part II was explained and approved, reorganizing of towns, village tracts and villages in Mandalay Region and Chin State put on record, discussions of Hluttaw representatives on six-month work report of Union Legal Supporting Group clarified, and discussion on member fee to become member of Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC) conducted.

### Union Accord Part II

In his explanation to the Hluttaw, on behalf of the union government, about Union Accord Part II sent by the President, Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee (UPDJC) member Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo said the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) was signed between the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and ethnic armed organisations on 15 October 2015 and the agreement was approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 8 December.

According to the NCA, UPDJC was reformed under the new government as per Office of the President Notification No. 48/2016. The State Counselor was the chairperson while 48 members were from three groups – the government, Hluttaw and Tatmadaw group, ethnic armed organisations group and political parties group. Based



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

on guidelines set in UPDJC and in accord with discussion titles and work guidelines, collection of comments obtained from national-level political discussions were submitted to the third session of the Union Peace Conference — 21<sup>st</sup> Century Panglong, held from 11 to 16 July 2018, as basic principle proposals.

Group-wise and sector-wise discussions held on the proposals and agreements were reached as part of the Union Accord. In the Union Accord Part II, there were four agreements in political sector basic principle, one agreement in economic sector basic principle, seven agreements in social sector basic principle and two agreements in land & environment sector basic principle, totaling fourteen.

Union Accord Part II was signed by heads of groups in the presence of witnesses on 16 July 2018 at the third session of the Union Peace Conference — 21<sup>st</sup> Century Panglong. According to the NCA and political dialogue framework, the Union Accord

Part II signed at the third session of the Union Peace Conference — 21<sup>st</sup> Century Panglong is being submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval, explained the Union Attorney General.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat then announced the Hluttaw's approval of Union Accord Part II after Hluttaw's decision was obtained.

### Re-organising of towns, village tracts and villages in Mandalay Region and Chin State

Next, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker submitted to the Hluttaw the expansion, reorganizing, removal and restructuring the areas of towns, village tracts and villages in Mandalay Region and Chin State, sent by President's Office, and announced the Hluttaw putting the matter on record.

### Six-month work report of Union Legal Supporting Group

Discussion of the Hluttaw representatives on the six-month work report of Union Legal Sup-

porting Group was then clarified by Group Chairman U Nyan Win and Union Supreme Court Judge U Tha Htay.

Afterwards, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw putting on record the six-month work report of Union Legal Supporting Group, discussion of the Hluttaw representatives, Group Chairman and Union Supreme Court Judge.

### Annual membership fee for Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)

Following this, U Myo Win of Mon State constituency 8, U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe constituency, U Zaw Thein of Wakema constituency, U Kyaw Thaug of Sagaing Region constituency 1, U Khin Zaw of Kawthoung constituency, U Nay Kyaw of Dagon Myothit (East) constituency, U Kin Shein of Taninthayi Region constituency 9, U Aung Kyi Thein of Chaungzon constituency, Dr. Win Myint of Bago Region constituency 11, U Aung Thike of

Seikphyu constituency, Daw Nwe Nwe Aung of Mon State constituency 2, U Zarni Min of Shwegu constituency, U Naing Thiha of Mon State constituency 7, U Myint Lwin of Twantay constituency, Naw Chris Tun of Kayin State constituency 7, U Thet Naing Oo of Yebyu constituency and Daw Myat Thida Tun of Mon State constituency 5 discussed the matter of annual membership fee for Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC), sent by the President.

In his discussion, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw said ANRPC is an association where only governments can become a member. Becoming a member of ANRPC will provide development opportunities in Myanmar rubber production and will especially benefit small-scale rubber plantation owners in acquiring technology knowhow, market and job opportunities. Comments and permission for annual membership fee had been submitted and obtained from Ministry of Planning and Finance, Union Attorney General office, Ministry of International Cooperation, Office of the President, Union government, and Union government meeting 10/2018 had agreed to become a member of ANRPC. As such, the Hluttaw's approval is being requested, explained the Deputy Minister.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker then obtained the decision of the Hluttaw and announced the Hluttaw's agreement and approval. The seventh-day of the ninth regular session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will continue on 9 August, it is learnt. ■

## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee discusses controversial land management bill

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee held a meeting yesterday to discuss the bill amending the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law (2017), which is creating controversy between Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

The meeting was attended by U Tun Tun Hein, Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

and Chairman of the Joint Bill Committee, vice chairmen, secretary, joint secretary and members of the committee, members of the Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the Union Attorney-General Office and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Tun Tun Hein delivers a speech at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee meeting. PHOTO: MNA