Open Letter from Dr. Sasa to ASEAN
National Unity Government of Myanmar
Union Minister for International Cooperation and NUG Spokesperson

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I bring greetings to you as the Union Minister of International Cooperation and Spokesperson of Myanmar's new National Unity Government (NUG). Formed by democratically elected leaders of Myanmar, this new government is accountable to, and reflects the diversity of, our great people.

We greatly appreciate the Association of Southeast Asian Nation's (ASEAN) willingness to help Myanmar address the crisis that has gripped our nation, and indeed our region, following the illegal coup d'état on 1 February. We are aware that ASEAN will be holding an emergency Summit on Myanmar on 24 April.

We believe that the people of Myanmar should be included in meetings about Myanmar and its future. We are therefore fully prepared, as the legitimate representatives of the people of Myanmar, to participate in this Summit. We stand ready to engage with our ASEAN neighbors toward ending this crisis, restore democracy and stability in Myanmar.

If ASEAN believes that engagement with the military coup leaders- junta is necessary, we believe that it should only occur if the military generals- junta meets the following conditions and demonstrates that it is adhering to them:

1. Stop murdering civilians and end all kind of violence against the people of Myanmar. The military junta led SAC has killed over 740 Myanmar civilians since the coup and the number of its victims increase every day.

2. Stop systematically attacking neighborhoods and randomly discharging weapons into civilians' homes that have claimed the lives of many civilians, including most vulnerable groups, people with disability, children and women.

3. Stop bombing and shelling Kachin, Karen villages and other part of the country, which has caused significant casualties and has led to tens of thousands of civilians being displaced.

4. Stop preventing those who need medical care from receiving it, including agreeing to immediately:

   (i) Stop occupying medical facilities, Schools, colleges building across the Nation
   (ii) Stop arresting and attacking medical personnel
   (iii) Stop preventing emergency medical personnel from reaching victims
   (iv) Stop arresting, attacking, torturing and harassing CDM members and their families who are exercising their fundamental right to freedom of expression.
   (v) Stop arresting and attacking, torturing and harassing democratically elected leaders, their family's members and love ones.

5. Unconditionally release the over 3,300 political prisoners detained since the coup and stop arbitrarily detaining protesters and others who are exercising their fundamental right to freedom of expression.

6. Stop all military actions against the innocent people of Myanmar and return the power to National Unity Government formed by democratically elected leaders by the people and for the people of Myanmar.

The military junta continues to inflict horrific damage on our communities and people. We need ASEAN's help in meeting the urgent humanitarian crisis that this has caused. Please provide support to the people who have been forced to flea their homes throughout our country because of the SAC-military junta's attacks. World Food Programs (WFP) analysis shows millions more people face hunger in Myanmar the coming months as the crisis in Myanmar get deeper and deeper day by day. Please also provide support to those who seek refuge in other countries and send humanitarian assistance to help them. The National Unity Government can help facilitate the flow of humanitarian support to the people of Myanmar. We stand ready to help you help our people in need.

We also need ASEAN's help in bringing the pressure to bear that will end the military junta's assaults and end its attempted illegal coup. Help us cut off the resources that they need to continue their attacks on our people. This includes stopping business operations that funnel money into their illegal coffers, cutting the flow of weapons to their arsenal, and helping us as we seek to hold them accountable for their crimes through international mechanisms.

We humbly yet urgently request that ASEAN does everything in its power to help the people of Myanmar in this, our greatest hour of need. We look forward to returning to ASEAN a legitimate government in good standing so that, together, we can make ASEAN the peaceful and prosperous region that all of our people deserve.

Sincerely,
Dr. Sasa