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National Unity Government
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Dear Friends and Supporters All Around the World,

Thank you all so much for showing unwavering support to people of Myanmar and the National Unity Government!

As you all know, Myanmar military (Tatmadaw) has perpetrated the worst possible crime in entire history of our country by waging the total war against the whole population of Myanmar. People from all walks of life in Myanmar are facing the atrocities of the military every day. These atrocities comprise killing innocent civilians, including children, using live ammunitions, heavy weaponry; arbitrarily arresting people, kidnapping people at night and sending the dead bodies to families next morning, beating people at the military camps and raiding private spaces of the people and confiscating the properties. These atrocities are unimaginable for all humanity.

Not only does the military target the NLD party members, but the military also detains religious leaders, journalists, activists, doctors, nurses, teachers, workers, students, actors, and actresses and even underaged teenagers. The military is destroying the backbone of our society. The internet communications have been cut off and the people of Myanmar are now in the darkness without any information from outside world. Amidst the enormous

challenges imposed by the COVID-19, the people of Myanmar are suffering from the atrocities of the military which promotes its own vested interests, not the interests of the people and the country.

In order to safeguard democracy and protect the country from falling under total authoritarian rule, the National Unity Government (NUG) was formed on April 16, 2021, by the mandate of the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) in accordance with guiding principles of Federal Democracy Charter (FDC) enacted on March 31, 2021. All these arrangements are historic as well as momentous because they represent the united voices of the people from all sectors of society. The strength of unity we have now must be preserved and further enhanced via meaningful cooperation.

The sole duty of the National Unity Government is to end structural violence committed by the military over decades and establish federal democratic union. At the same time, the NUG aims to conduct security sector reform, as the current security apparatus of Myanmar are the fundamental part of the decade-long structural violence, ensuring that federal security system is established in accordance with federal democratic principles. The supports of Myanmar communities all over the world are precious for our efforts. Both NUG and CRPH would like to invite Myanmar communities all over the world to advocate the respective host governments and relevant stakeholders to achieve our goals. This is a rare opportunity to end military dictatorship once and for all not only for us but also for our future generations.

Of course, our struggle will not be an easy journey. We will have to face challenges on all fronts. But what we have is legitimacy derived from the democratic will of the people. More importantly, millions of people across Myanmar are chanting "We want democracy", singing the songs of struggle with hopes and aspirations to establish genuine federal democratic

union which preserves and protects freedom, justice, and equality for all. This is the cause worth fighting for. The supports of each and everyone of you are critical for our struggle. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi once said "use your freedom to promote ours". In this way, you can all join our struggle, our fight, and our cause. We are by no means alone in this world; we all are together in this.

In solidarity,

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