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Press Release

Letter of H.E. Mr. Aung Kyi Nyunt, Chairperson of the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Aung Kyi Nyunt, Chairperson of the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sent a thank you letter to H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations on 14 November 2022 as follows:

"On behalf of the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) and in my capacity as Chairperson of the CRPH, I write to thank you for your public calls *urging the Myanmar junta to immediately return to democracy, saying it was the only way to stop the "unending nightmare" engulfing the country.*

The nightmare is all too real for Myanmar's people and none more so than Myanmar's large Ethnic Nationalities population who have suffered systemic discrimination and violence over many decades, but violence now at a level not seen before. The indiscriminate killings caused by the targeted airstrikes conducted by the military junta in the Saging Region, Magway Region, Kachin, Kayin, Chin and Rakhine States is too cruel with children now being murdered.

We further welcome your strong call for the military junta to release all political prisoners including President U Win Myint and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and for countries to develop a regional framework to protect refugees from Myanmar. Moreover, your statement that it is vital to have a peace plan agreed to by the military junta, referring to the ASEAN agreed five-point consensus that has not taken effect.

In order to implement the ASEAN five-point consensus, an all-inclusive process is important. We note that ASEAN has set its Foreign Ministers the task of developing an implementation plan to its statement issued recently in Phnom Penh.

Civilian leaders including leaders of elected representatives, political parties, and Ethnic Nationalities need to be front and center in these processes and military-led dialogue only would not yield a return to a civilian democratic government.

The CRPH is the lawful parliamentary institution that legitimately represents the people of Myanmar. You would of course know that the CRPH was convened with

the electoral mandate from the citizens through a free and fair election in 2020 November. The CRPH stands ready to work with the United Nations, ASEAN, friends of democracy and of Myanmar to bring an end to the violence and usher in peace.

The International Parliamentary Union (IPU) states that the parliamentarians are the peacemakers and that is what we are doing our best to be. We stand ready to lead in this and lead our people to a better place. The violence, the trauma, the carnage, the strafing of children and civilians from fighter planes deployed by General Min Aung Hlaing beggar belief. We must make every effort to effect peace.

To further this, I request your consideration of at least the following actions.

1. Lend your good offices to support ASEAN to advance its five-point consensus and recent commitment to develop an implementation plan articulated in its statement titled ASEAN LEADERS' REVIEW AND DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIVE-POINT CONSENSUS (See attached).
2. Lend your good offices to your Special Envoy to convene a series of inclusive round tables with the parties to brainstorm what peace could look like and what practical steps are to be taken to get there. (Think DARE for Timor-Leste talks and the UN's direct involvement in getting people to the table). I know that you played a big role as well in supporting Timor-Leste. It could be useful to involve your colleague and close friend H.E. President José Ramos-Horta.
3. Lend your good offices to have United Nations inclusive processes and procedures for the democratically elected representatives of Myanmar. (Noting that at the recent Global Town Hall event where NUG is present that your Deputies do not pressure organizers to disallow the NUG to be present as "it looks like they the UN are taking sides" as happened).

I thank you again for your efforts regarding the Myanmar crisis and look forward to working with you to restore peace, stability and development in our country."