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Today, on this International Women's Day, the NUG welcomes the European Union's strong stance against human rights violations and abuses, particularly gender-based violence against women and girls in Myanmar.

Today, the world marks International Women's Day, while the brave women of Myanmar are mourning the deaths of 483 of their fellow women who have been killed by the genocidal military in the last two years alone.

Today, the Peace-loving women of Myanmar are commemorating two years of the pain and suffering that 3,125 of their fellow women including elected leader of Myanmar Daw Aung San Suu Kyi have been enduring in the brutal junta-run prisons across Myanmar.

Today, the Freedom-loving women of Myanmar are in mourning for the 11 of their fellow women who have been handed death sentences, and the 15 of their fellow women who have been given life sentences by the genocidal military junta in Myanmar.

Today, the Federal-Democracy-loving women of Myanmar are also grieving the inhuman and brutal rape of 122 of their fellow women by the genocidal military junta forces. These victims are sisters, daughters, and mothers of the Nation.

These measures follow the EU's inclusion on International Women's Day of further individuals and entities from Myanmar on its list of sanctions which include nine individuals and three entities from Myanmar, Russia, South Sudan and Afghanistan on the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to EU restrictive measures. Among those targeted by the European Union are Major General Toe Yi, a member of brutal junta forces, the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs for the State Administration Council, and the Office of the Chief of Military Security Affairs, which oversees the management of detention and interrogation centres.

These individuals and entities have been added to the 93 Myanmar individuals and 18 entities already subjected to EU sanctions, demonstrating the EU's steadfast commitment to promoting and safeguarding human rights. This demonstrates the EU's commitment to upholding the fundamental values of human dignity and respect for all individuals, regardless of their gender, race, or nationality. We hope that these sanctions will serve as a strong deterrent and send a clear message that the international community will not tolerate such atrocities.

Sincerely,

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