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**Condemnation of the Massacre in Pale Township, Sagaing Division, Myanmar, by the
Brutal Genocidal Military Junta - SAC and Their Partners in Crimes**

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We strongly condemn the heinous massacre that occurred in Pale Township, Sagaing Division, Myanmar, on June 27th, orchestrated by the brutal genocidal military junta. This merciless act resulted in the deaths of at least 10 innocent villagers, including a revered monk and a student, and the wanton destruction of monasteries, schools, and other vital community structures. It is crucial to recognize that this is not an isolated incident but rather one among a series of over 70 massacres committed by the brutal genocidal military junta in the past 27 months alone.

The witness testimonies vividly recount the horrifying events that unfolded. The indiscriminate firing of Russian fighter jets YAK-130, along with the deployment of large bombs, deliberately targeted innocent villagers and villages such as Nyaung Kone, Chin Pyit, and Pi Tauk Kone, causing widespread devastation and claiming the lives of men, women, students, and monks. The deliberate targeting of civilians, homes, hospitals, schools, monasteries, and churches demonstrates a flagrant disregard for human life, openly committing war crimes and crimes against humanity, and a calculated effort to inflict suffering on innocent civilians.

According to witnesses, fleeing villagers were subjected to relentless attacks, with bullets fired from the fighter jets, resulting in additional casualties. The destruction caused by the military junta's assault extended beyond the immediate loss of life, with houses being consumed by fires sparked by the bombardment. The scale of violence and destruction inflicted upon the affected communities is deeply distressing and requires immediate international attention and action.

We offer our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims, who are enduring unimaginable pain and grief. Our thoughts and prayers are also with those who have been injured, and we fervently hope for their swift recovery. The loss of innocent lives, including a young student and a monk dedicated to spiritual guidance, is an irreparable tragedy that demands justice and accountability.

The brutal genocidal military junta has been openly and freely committing these heinous crimes against humanity because they see no real actions taken against them by ASEAN and the international community for the crimes they have been committing every day. Therefore, they perceive no action against them as a license to commit more crimes against humanity against the population of Myanmar. This must stop!

It is totally unacceptable that some countries are still supporting the genocidal military junta to commit more crimes against humanity against the population of Myanmar. According to the recent UN report, in the last 27 months alone, the genocidal military has purchased more than \$1 billion worth of weapons and dual-use items from these countries, especially from Russia. This means Myanmar's genocidal military junta is directly aiding Russia's war against Ukraine by providing this massive financial support. These coup makers and Myanmar's crisis creators are the same genocidal military generals who are facing charges of genocide at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) regarding the Rohingya population. The genocidal military

junta and their partners in crimes must be held accountable for their mass atrocities under international law.

This Pale Massacre is another textbook example of the brutal genocidal military junta directly violating ASEAN's five points on Myanmar and the UN Security Council Resolution on Myanmar. The inaction from ASEAN and the UN Security Council has led to more crimes against humanity. Instead of taking decisive actions against the genocidal military junta and recognizing and fully engaging with the true democratic representative of the people of Myanmar, the National Unity Government of Myanmar (NUG), some veto power holders and permanent members of the UN Security Council, and some members of ASEAN are directly supporting the genocidal military junta, and their support is massively contributing to these crimes against humanity, which threaten not only peace and security in the region but the world. All support given to the genocidal military junta, directly and indirectly, must stop now! The people of Myanmar will never allow the normalization of crimes against humanity.

To put an end to these grave human rights abuses, we implore the international community to take swift and decisive action. One effective measure would be to impose sanctions on the jet fuels used by the military junta, which would hinder their ability to carry out such ruthless attacks. We call upon international agencies and organizations to launch a thorough investigation into the Pale Township massacre, ensuring that the perpetrators are brought to justice and that the affected community is provided with adequate support and protection.

The witness testimonies stand as a stark reminder of the urgent need for international intervention to safeguard the lives and dignity of the people of Myanmar. The international community must unite to address these ongoing human rights abuses and work towards a sustainable solution. It is imperative to establish a federal democracy in Myanmar and remove the genocidal military junta to prevent further atrocities and uphold the principles of human dignity, justice, and respect for human rights.

No human being should ever have to endure such unspeakable terror and loss. Together, we must take collective action to ensure that the people of Myanmar can live in peace, free from the grip of violence and oppression.

Sincerely,

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