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The National Unity Government of Myanmar calls today on the Chair of ASEAN, Republic of Indonesia and member states of ASEAN to withdraw the invitation that has been issued to Thet Khaing Win, a minister of State Administration Council (SAC) of Myanmar, to attend meetings with ASEAN Health Ministers.

Since his appointment by the military council, Thet Khaing Win has presided over the complete collapse of Myanmar's healthcare system. He is placing all our children, the future of the country at high risk by aiding and abetting and advising the military junta to block immunization program and delivery of medications to millions of children throughout the country.

An entire population of people with health needs – from children needing vaccines to adults with chronic and emergency health conditions – is being starved of the international help they need. He is directly responsible by his acts and his omissions for immense human suffering.

The military council of which he is a cabinet member has continued to target hospitals and medical professionals. Hospitals have been attacked from the air and patients have been slaughtered in their beds. Eighty-eight health workers have been murdered for seeking to fulfil their vocations since February 2021. Many now languish in prisons.

Attacks on healthcare violate international humanitarian law and article 19 of Geneva Convention. Thet Khaing Win is an abuser of human rights, actively denying healthcare to the people of his country.

Thet Khaing Win is under sanction from the United States, the European Union, Switzerland and other countries.

The invitation issued to Thet Khaing Win to attend the ASEAN Finance and Health Ministers Meetings in Jakarta on 24-25 August will bring shame upon ASEAN, and will diminish ASEAN's repeated commitments to support human rights in Myanmar.

The people of Myanmar look to ASEAN to uphold their right to health, and not to give comfort to a man who is stripping this right from them.

He has no place amongst ASEAN's health leaders and must be excluded from these meetings.

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