



DFA STATEMENT ON THE PARDON AND RELEASE OF FORMER PRESIDENT U WIN MYINT OF MYANMAR



MANILA 19 April 2026 - The Philippines welcomes the full pardon and release of former President U Win Myint, held in custody since early 2021, as well as the amnesty of 4,514 prisoners, including foreign nationals, to mark Myanmar's traditional New Year (Thingyan). This significant development is a constructive step toward fostering a more conducive environment in Myanmar for building confidence and inclusive dialogue among all stakeholders.

The Philippines reiterates the paramount importance of the release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and all other remaining political prisoners, particularly the elderly and infirm. Such actions are vital to advancing meaningful national dialogue and supporting the full implementation of the Five-Point Consensus in Myanmar.

As Myanmar marks the New Year (Thingyan), the Philippines expresses the hope that this development will be accompanied by further gestures of goodwill and constructive engagement toward a peaceful and inclusive national dialogue under a Myanmar-owned and Myanmar-led political process. END