



UK Mission to the
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in Geneva

Ambassador

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United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland National Statement

Universal Periodic Review – Burma

Thank you Mr President,

The UK welcomes the recent release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and hopes that the government will ensure her continued freedom and personal safety. The UK looks to the authorities to release the other 2,200 prisoners detained for political beliefs.

We asked advance questions [and would welcome a response.]

We believe that the key to national reconciliation lies in genuine political dialogue between all stakeholders, including the authorities and Aung San Suu Kyi, the NLD and all opposition parties and ethnic groups both inside and outside parliament.

We are concerned about continuing human rights violations, including arbitrary detentions, forced displacement, use of child soldiers and forced labour, torture and mistreatment of political prisoners, discrimination by the authorities based on ethnicity and the use of military force and sexual violence against particular ethnic communities, including the Karen.

We have 4 recommendations

1. To end impunity for human rights violations, taking forward the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur, by investigating, prosecuting and punishing those responsible with the assistance of the United Nations;
2. To release immediately and unconditionally all those imprisoned for peacefully exercising their rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly;
3. To co-operate fully with the ILO to end forced and child labour including in the military, in particular through

implementation of a Joint Action Plan and awareness raising activities.

4. To allow full participation by all ethnic and democratic groups, including the National League for Democracy and Aung San Suu Kyi, in the political life of the country, allowing the start of a genuine process of national reconciliation.

Thank you Mr President.