

**UEC Chairman U Thein Soe responds
to Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Nelson (a) Sai Hsaung Hsi of Kyaukme Constituency**

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March - Pyithu Hluttaw Representative of Kyaukme Constituency U Nelson (a) Sai Hsaung Hsi asked about the preparations for byelections to fill the seats of the Hluttaw representatives who are going to take the executive duties including the presidentelect and the vice presidents-elect; when the elections will be held; and how the elections will be managed to be free and fair.

Regarding the question, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe explained that the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker or the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker will inform the Union Election Commission to fill the vacant seats in accord with Pyithu Hluttaw Rules and Amyotha Hluttaw Rules (86). The UEC in accord with respective Hluttaw election Rule (16) will issue the following dates to fill the unoccupied seats:

- (a) Date of by-election in vacant constituencies
- (b) Starting date to submit the name list of Hluttaw candidate for vacant constituencies
- (c) Last date to submit the name list of Hluttaw candidate for vacant constituencies
- (d) Date of scrutinizing the name list of Hluttaw candidate
- (e) Last date to withdraw submission of the name list of Hluttaw candidate if there is any wish.

Based on original list of eligible voters, the list of eligible voters will be compiled to be appropriate with current situation and preparedness for the election including polling stations and ballot boxes will be made.

Expected period for interim elections is around October and November 2011. To be free and fair, the interim elections will be held in accord with respective Hluttaw election Laws and Rules.

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