

# **Myanmar National Human Rights Commission welcomes signing of Plan of Action for Prevention against Recruitment of the Under-Aged Children for Military Service**

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission issued a statement today. The full text of the statement is as follows:-

## **The Statement of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission**

1. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission welcomes the signing of the Plan of Action for Prevention against Recruitment of the Under-Aged Children for Military Service between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the United Nations on 27 June 2012 in Nay Pyi Taw.
2. The Committee on Prevention of the Recruitment of the Under-Aged Children for Military Service was established in 2004 to prevent the recruitment of the under-aged children. In this regard, the Committee had also established the Working Group on Monitoring and Reporting and the Working Group on Reintegration and Rehabilitation and has been engaged in cooperation with the United Nations Agencies in Myanmar.
3. It is known that, with the objective of making its actions transparent, the Committee had frequently made arrangements for the chiefs and representatives of the United Nations Agencies, the Embassies and the Offices of the Military Attachés in Yangon to visit the recruitment and training centers.
4. The commission believes that the signing of a Plan of Action in carrying out the activities for preventing the recruitment of the under-aged children for military service in Myanmar is tantamount to the manifestation of the political will of the Government to effectively cooperate with the United Nations.
5. Since the prevention of the recruitment of the under-aged children for military service is a task that enhances the images of the country in the United Nations as well as in the international community, the Commission hopes that the Plan of Action will be successfully implemented by the organizations concerned, including the United Nations.

**Myanmar National Human Rights Commission**

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