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STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2020 "Theme: Recover Better - Stand Up for Human Rights"

This day of 10th December, people around the world observe Human Rights Day —the day, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in the year 1948. The UDHR is a milestone document that proclaims the inalienable rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Like every year, theme for this December 10th Human Rights Day is related to the COVID-19 pandemic and focuses on the need to build back better by ensuring Human Rights are central to recovery efforts.

As a representative organization of bona-fide Burmese indigenous ethnic Rohingya, we express our grave concern over the genocidal actions of Burmese Government against ethnic Rohingya and atrocities against many other ethnic minority groups like Chin, Kachin, Karen, Mon, Rakhaing, Shan, Pa-O, Palaung, Kaman, Kuki, Lahu and etc. within the country.

Based on this year theme, **Recover Better**, time has come for Government of Burma to immediately recover the country's image by ensuring human rights of entire Burmese populations, especially the Rohingya through ending genocidal actions and atrocities.

In the recent election in Burma on 8 November 2020, the running National League for Democracy (NLD) Government has disenfranchised and denied the Rohingya to ensure their voting rights, maintaining the policy existed against humanity.

In this International Human Rights Day 2020, we request entire peace loving people of Burma and globe to join together with ethnic Rohingya and other ethnic minorities to recover their lost human rights into the best position, while ending their long standing agony. We request entire Burmese people to Stand up for Human Rights as set forth in International Human Rights Standards and United Nations Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

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We urge the ruling NLD Government, especially Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to immediately recover your collective democratic voices and your lost commitment towards Genuine Federal Democracy and amendment of 1982 Citizenship Law.

We request the Government of Bangladesh to extend all needful assistances and cooperation to bring an end of the plight of the Rohingya population to recover better of their lost home, safety, security, dignity and tranquility.

We also request the regional authorities, particularly the member states of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) to have constructive engagement in dealing with the plight of Rohingya for the best interest of regional stability of Human Rights, Peace and Security by re-installment of Rohingyas' rights to live/return as indigenous ethnic nationality of Burma on their original land with full compensations, safety, security and dignity.

We appeal to the international community to exert more effective pressure on the Government of Burma to respect fundamental human rights of Rohingya and other ethnic minorities of Burma through immediate transition of country toward genuine federal democracy which ensure full human rights of the people with safety, security, freedom and dignity by creating equal opportunities for all, regardless of race, religion, color and etc.

We also appeal to the entire people and quarters of the world to **Stand for Human Rights** of the Rohingyas of Burma by bringing Burmese genocidal perpetrators before justice at the world highest court "*International Court of Justice*". ##

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