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## **Statement on International Day of Democracy 2021**

1. The countries around the world have proudly celebrated the international day of democracy events on 15 September annually since 2007 to promote democracy, human rights, and human dignity.

2. The theme of this year for International day of democracy is " Is democracy really in crisis " and it truly reflects the current and concrete situation in Myanmar where all the people are bearing the brunt of the junta's tyranny. The inhumane persecution of the entire population by the terrorist military council reveals that the democracy is in peril and the dictatorship is making a comeback with a vengeance.

3. The fact that the terrorist military junta abrogated the outcome of the 2020 General Election which was held according to electoral laws and by-laws and unseated the democraticallyelected government means democracy was supplanted by dictatorship. Nullifying the people's votes for democracy by the brute force of arms is a grave threat to Myanmar as well as to the world's democracy.

4 .The entire people of Myanmar are outraged by the military junta who demolished democracy in Myanmar by rejecting the results of the free and fair 2020 general election held in accordance with electoral laws and by-laws and removing the people's democratic government through military force against the constitutional protocols. The coup d'etat by the terrorist military council put an end to the nascent democratic transition evolving under the severe constraints of the military-crafted constitution. Simultaneously, all the democratic institutions such as judiciary, legislature, executive and free press and news media as well as the people's fundamental rights were nipped in the bud. 5.The terrorist military council have been committing crimes like arresting arbitrarily, imprisoning and killing the MPs truly representing the people, massacring the democracysupporting, peacefully-demonstrating innocent people, looting their possessions until now. Despite these atrocities, the Myanmar people are sacrificing their lives and blood in order to abolish military dictatorship, to reinstate democracy, and to build a nation where human rights and human dignity are respected.

6. Additionally, because of the suppression and mismanagement of the junta's lackeys, there has been a higher rate of covid 19 infection in prison, and the political prisoners, activists are badly in need of rights for health care and other human rights. Therefore, we strongly exhort the UN organizations, the international governments, and the regional groupings to do their utmost to protect and fulfil these rights as soon as possible. 7.We, the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH), pledge again to continue to do our utmost to reinstitute democracy and abolish military dictatorship once and

for all in accordance with the people's mandate bestowed upon us.

8. We solemnly urge the international governments, the United Nations, MPs from the democratic community, and fraternal democratic countries to cooperate and collaborate with the Myanmar People in their endeavor to prevent the military junta from committing terrorist crimes, to reinstitute democratic system, and to build the future federal democratic union of Myanmar.

Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw