



Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Call for Humanitarian and Health Assistance Statement

1. The National Unity Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar welcomes and thanks those international aid agencies, including the agencies of the United Nations and non-governmental organizations, who are providing support to the people of Myanmar, particularly in the areas of public health and humanitarian assistance for prevention and treatment of COVID – 19 and major diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.
2. The combination of the illegal coup conducted by the military on 1 February 2021 and the impact of COVID-19 has caused a serious humanitarian crisis in Myanmar. The crisis is particularly acute amongst the poor and vulnerable population, including women, children, and internally displaced persons. Threat of COVID-19 fourth wave with highly transmissible Omicron variant is looming over the horizon. The people of Myanmar are in desperate need of a full range of public health and humanitarian services.
3. Since the coup d'état the junta has waged a campaign of terror against the people of Myanmar, committing crimes against humanity through more than 1,500 extra-judicial executions, 12,000 unlawful detentions, wide-spread use of torture and clearance operations of whole communities involving mass murder, sexual violence, robbery and arson attacks.
4. The military, as part of its strategy, has targeted healthcare workers through extra-judicial execution, deaths in custody, enforced disappearances and unlawful detention. Many of these health workers had done no more than to provide basic first aid to protestors injured by the security forces or medical assistance to people

with COVID who were supporters of the protest movement. The military has also continuously devised various obstacles to deter the delivery of essential health care and humanitarian assistance including medicines and medical supplies intended for Myanmar people, particularly those suffering in the conflict affected areas.

5. Therefore, we would like to sincerely urge the international community, including the United Nations and non-governmental organizations, to work together with us, the National Unity Government, to develop and implement more effective strategies, including supporting cross-border aid, to provide urgent and much-needed health and humanitarian aid for the people of Myanmar.

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