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**Statement of Union Minister of Ministry of Foreign Affairs on her visit
to the United States in May 2022**

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- A delegation led by the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of National Unity Government visited the United States from 11 to 22 May 2022 during the US-ASEAN Summit held in Washington, DC and has met exclusively with senior officials including Deputy Secretary of State from the United States Department of State, members of Congress including the leader of the United States Senate, leaders of ASEAN including Malaysian Foreign Minister and thus, the National Unity Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (NUG) would like to express its sincere gratitude to the United States Government and officials for hosting such important diplomatic meetings.
- During the visit, Daw Zin Mar Aung Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the National Unity Government and delegation met with Mrs. Wendy Sherman, US Deputy Secretary of State and both parties had a cordial and open discussion regarding ethical issues related to the self-sacrificing efforts of the people of Myanmar for the emergence of a new federal democracy nation in the future, the efforts of the National Unity Government (NUG), the position of the National Unity Government (NUG) on the potential future of Myanmar, updates on international relations of the National Unity Government (NUG) in engaging with the world countries including ASEAN and its neighbors, humanitarian assistance for the people of Myanmar who are suffering under the illegal rule of the terrorist military regime.
- The delegation also met with Rob Berschinski (Special Assistance to the President - S. Director for Democracy & Human Rights) who had

expressed that President Joe Biden and United States would continue to put pressure for accountability and responsibility of the human rights violations of the military junta and that they stood with the struggle of the Myanmar people. Daw Zin Mar Aung, Union Minister of Ministry of Foreign Affairs also discussed setting military compliance measures and regulations including the violence of the military junta and the ground situation of the struggle of Myanmar people and the political developments including judiciary and local administration arrangements.

- During the visit, Daw Zin Mar Aung, Union Minister of Foreign Affairs of the National Unity Government met privately with other leaders, including the Malaysian Foreign Minister. During a private meeting with the Malaysian Foreign Minister, efforts and challenges of the National Unity Government (NUG) along with the people of Myanmar, issues related to cooperation including Myanmar refugee's crisis and humanitarian assistance were discussed and Malaysia Foreign Minister expressed that Malaysia was ready to whatever it could to help bring peace and restore democracy in Myanmar.

- Daw Zin Mar Aung, Union Minister of the National Unity Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs met with US Senate Republican Leader Senator Mitch McConnell at his Congress Office. During the meeting, the topics discussed were acts of repression of the military junta and the Myanmar people's struggle for a new future nation of federal democracy, support of the Myanmar pro-democracy movement and continued support of international assistance including the United States to Myanmar crisis.

- The delegation also met with Democratic senators Jeff Merkley and Edward Markey at the US Congress to discuss the current ground situations, cutting off the revenue sources of the terrorist military junta, imposing sanctions against Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) as one of the military council's main sources of revenue and putting pressure to take action against military junta for human rights abuses.

- As actual progress of the meetings taken place during the visit, a briefing by the US Congress on Burma, which is part of The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), was held on May 25 and Congress questioned representatives of President Biden's government regarding US government policies on Burma and actual implementation.

• In his speech, Senator Mitch McConnell mentioned that he had met with the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the National Unity Government who raised the issues of promoting the legitimacy of civilian leaders representing the people against the junta, imposing sanctions on the revenue sources of the military junta and providing effective, substantive, and direct assistance to the people of Myanmar. In addition, he included questions such as while the people of Myanmar were unanimously opposing the military rule, it was important to gain the support of the world, so how was President Biden's government preparing for engagement, support and formal recognition of institutions that have public representation such as the National Unity Government (NUG), the National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) and the People's Defense Force (PDF) that the National Unity Government (NUG) is very pleased with the progress that has been made.

• The National Unity Government (NUG) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar states that it will continue to work closely with United States and ASEAN countries regarding the discussions during the visit.
