

## Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Unity Government Ministry of Foreign Affairs Statement (18/ 2022) 9 November 2022

## Statement on the new European Union and United States sanctions against the illegal military junta and its cronies

The National Unity Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar strongly welcomes the new swathe of European Union (EU) and United States sanctions against the illegal military junta and its cronies announced on 8 November 2022.

Timed to mark the second anniversary of the general elections held on 8 November 2020, which were independently determined to have been free and fair, the new measures are a strong message of support to the people of Myanmar and to the National Unity Government as their legitimate representative. Importantly, they also send a sharp signal to the illegal junta that its appalling atrocities will be met with escalating action.

The EU's new sanctions, which target 19 individuals and one entity associated with the junta, comprise its fifth round of restrictive measures. While the United States' new designation, which targets a key supplier of military aircraft parts to the junta, follows the junta's egregious 23 October 2022 aerial attacks on an ethnic community festival in Kachin State, which killed as many as 100 concertgoers.

The National Unity Government extends its gratitude to the EU and to the United States for their international leadership and for their sustained commitment to the people of Myanmar.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs National Unity Government