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"Statement of the National Unity Government of Myanmar on the adoption of the United Nations Security Council Resolution on the situation in Myanmar"

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, as represented by the National Unity Government, welcomes the adoption of the United Nations Security Council Resolution on the situation in Myanmar. Myanmar offers its deep gratitude to the United Kingdom for its leadership in the process of drafting and adopting the resolution and to all others who support the resolution.

The NUG supports the resolution and accordingly urges the member states and all relevant stakeholders to timely implement the resolution as taking a step towards restoration of democracy in Myanmar.

The resolution demonstrates the Security Council's progress in taking action on the serious crisis in Myanmar and the junta's threats to international peace and stability. This resolution highlights the need to respect human rights and to uphold rule of law. It urges the "military to immediately release of all arbitrarily detained prisoners, including President Win Myint and State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi," whom the National Unity Government notes continue to serve in those roles within Myanmar's government. Furthermore, the resolution emphasizes respect for "democratic institutions and processes, in accordance with the will and interests of the people Myanmar."

The resolution also highlights the need for "full, safe and unhindered humanitarian access" as well as "scaled up humanitarian assistance to all people in need." It emphasizes creating "conditions

necessary for voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable return of Rohingya refugees and internally displaced persons." In addition, the resolution calls for concrete and immediate actions for implementation of the ASEAN Five Point Consensus and for an oral report to the Security Council on UN support for that implementation.

Despite these positive elements and the challenges to adoption, we would have liked to see a stronger text. However, we are clear this is only a first step. As such, on behalf of the people of Myanmar, the National Unity Government calls on the UN Security Council, building on this resolution, to take further and stronger action to ensure the swift end of the military junta and its crimes. We call for additional international support for the collective efforts of the National Unity Government, allied stakeholders, and the people of Myanmar to build the Federal Democratic Union, pave a way to create a conducive environment for the repatriation of the Rohingya, deliver life-saving humanitarian assistance to all people in need, and ensure accountability for all violations of international criminal law.

The will and interests of the people are clear and continue to be expressed each day by millions of brave individuals protesting, maintaining a general strike, and defending their villages and families against the military's atrocities. This resolution is a welcome step towards supporting them. The Security Council's work only begins with this resolution. It should remain more regularly seized of the matter as a priority, including by receiving formal updates directly from representatives of Myanmar and its people. Decisive action by the Security Council is needed to save lives of the people of Myanmar and prevent further destabilization of the region.

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