

<b>Country/entity</b>	Myanmar
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	The Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) between The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAO)
<b>Date</b>	15 Oct 2015
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict <b>Myanmar Conflict (1948 - )</b>  Internal conflict, mostly along ethno-political fault lines, has been a constant feature of Myanmar since its independence in 1948. The conflict has two distinct dynamics. First a struggle between an authoritarian government and a pro-democracy opposition which has the characteristics of authoritarian conflicts; and second a struggle between the government and ethnic armed groups which has the characteristics of an identity conflict. The two oldest and strongest militias fighting the government are the Karen National Union (KNU), which has remained active since the late 1940s, and the Kachin Independence Organisation, which was formed in the early 1960s. In total, there are more than a dozen mostly ethnic-based guerrilla groups active throughout the country. Especially in the period of junta dictatorship that lasted until 2011 the government attempted to crush the rebellions, which led to numerous human rights violations. With the start of democratic reforms in the aftermath of the 2010 elections, peace negotiations have taken place and resulted in the signing of various agreements, although conflicts remain active. Close Myanmar Conflict (1948 - )
<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Myanmar ceasefires process with ethnic armed groups

<b>Parties</b>	<p>For the Government of the Republic For the Ethnic Armed Organizations of the Union of Myanmar (Leaders of Executive, Hluttaw and Tatmadaw) (Leaders of the Ethnic Armed Organizations)</p> <p>Note: two additional groups signed on the 13 February 2018: The New Mon State Party and Lahu Democratic Union inked the NCA in Nay Pyi Taw, joining eight other groups who had signed before State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi took office (<a href="https://frontiermyanmar.net/en/nmsp-ldu-formally-sign-nationwide-ceasefire-agreement">https://frontiermyanmar.net/en/nmsp-ldu-formally-sign-nationwide-ceasefire-agreement</a>).</p>
<b>Third parties</b>	<p>Witnesses 1) National 2) International</p> <p>Page 15, Annex; Decisions and minutes made during NCA 31. Article 33 UPWC agrees to invite international witnesses as proposed by the EAOs: UN, China, India and Thailand</p> <p>32. Article 33 In addition, the NCA will be signed in the presence of the following country representatives: EU, USA, UK, Norway and Japan.</p>
<b>Description</b>	<p>This agreement was largely agreed by March 2015, but signature was only reached in the run-up to the Myanmar elections in October 2015. At that point, only seven of the wider group of Ethnic Armed Organisations involved in the drafting of the text signed. We have included as an appendix, decisions referred to in Article 30 of the Agreement, which were formally agreed but which were not made public with the agreement by the Myanmar government, but have been made public by the Ethnic armed organisations.</p>
<b>Agreement document</b>	<p><a href="#">MN_151015 Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a></p>
<b>Agreement document (original language)</b>	<p><a href="#">MM_151015_Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement_BUR.pdf (opens in new tab)</a></p>
<b>Groups</b>	
<b>Children/youth</b>	<p>Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 6, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians 9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians: ...n. Avoid killing or maiming, forced conscription, rape or other forms of sexual assault or violence, or abduction of children.</p>
<b>Disabled persons</b>	<p>No specific mention.</p>
<b>Elderly/age</b>	<p>No specific mention.</p>

**Migrant workers** No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/  
national group**

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical

Page 2, Chapter 1, Basic Principles

1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:

...f. Collectively establish a common national identity that embraces the diverse ethnicities and languages by recognizing the distinctive history, cultural practices, literature, language and national characteristics of all ethnic nationalities living within the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

g. Hold inclusive political dialogue, attended by all relevant stakeholders, in accordance with the aspirations and desires of all ethnic nationalities in order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace.

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Anti-discrimination

Page 1, Chapter 1, Basic Principles

1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:

... d. Guarantee equal rights to all citizens who live within the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; no citizen shall be discriminated against on the basis of ethnicity, religion, culture, or gender.

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive

Page 1, Chapter 1, Basic Principles

1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:

...c. Discuss matters concerning Pyidaungsu Tatmadaw [army] made up of all ethnic nationalities during political dialogue.

Page 11, Chapter 6, Future Tasks, Confidence building measures:

25. The Ethnic Armed Organizations that are signatories to this agreement have been responsible in their relevant capacities, for development and security in their respective areas. During the period of signing ceasefire and political dialogue, we shall carry out the following programs and projects in coordination with each other in said areas.

...(3) Efforts to preserve and promote ethnic culture, language, and literature.

<b>Religious groups</b>	<p>Groups→Religious groups→Anti-discrimination  Page 1, Chapter 1, Basic Principles  1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:  ... d. Guarantee equal rights to all citizens who live within the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; no citizen shall be discriminated against on the basis of ethnicity, religion, culture, or gender.</p> <p>Groups→Religious groups→Substantive  Page 2, Chapter 1, Basic Principles  1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:  ... e. Establish a secular state based on the principle of the separation of religion and state in order to avoid abuse of religion for political interests.</p> <p>Page 6, Chapter 3, Ceasefire Related Matters, Protection of Civilians  9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:  ...l. Avoid either directly or indirectly interfering, humiliating or damaging the reputation of public activities to preserve religion, literature, and cultural and traditional practices.</p>
<b>Indigenous people</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other groups</b>	No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced persons**

Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive

Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:

... c. Avoid forcible displacement or relocation of local populations.

Page 6, Chapter 3 Provision of humanitarian assistance

10. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the provision of humanitarian assistance:

a. Relevant Government ministries, the Ethnic Armed Organizations and local organizations shall coordinate with each other when implementing delivery of humanitarian assistance by the NGOs and INGOs to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and conflict victims with the approval of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

b. Ensure the safety and dignity of the IDPs when undertaking a prioritized voluntary return of IDPs to their places of origin or resettlement of IDPs into new villages in suitable areas.

c. Collaborate on the resettlement process including verification of IDPs and refugees.

Page 7, Chapter 4 Maintaining and Strengthening Ceasefire

Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee

13. The responsibilities, rights and guiding principles for the respective committees are as follows:

... c. Coordinate humanitarian assistance provided for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) of both man-made and natural disasters, and victims of conflict.

Page 13, Annex; Decisions and minutes made during NCA

5. Article 7 (b) Coordination on redeployment of troops will be based on the following conditions:

... 4. Article 10 (a)

- Approves “”

**Social class**

No specific mention.

## Gender

### Women, girls and gender

Page 1, Chapter 1, Basic Principles

1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:  
... d. Guarantee equal rights to all citizens who live within the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; no citizen shall be discriminated against on the basis of ethnicity, religion, culture, or gender.

Page 6, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:  
... m. Avoid any form of sexual attack on women, including sexual molestation, sexual assault or violence, rape and sex slavery.  
n. Avoid killing or maiming, forced conscription, rape or other forms of sexual assault or violence, or abduction of children.

Page 10, Chapter 5 Holding of inclusive political dialogue

23. We shall include a reasonable number/ratio of women representatives in the political dialogue process.

Page 15, Annex; Decisions and minutes made during NCA

22. Article 23 “A reasonable number/ratio” means all parties will strive for inclusion of 30% of women representatives in the political dialogue

### Men and boys

No specific mention.

### LGBTI

No specific mention.

### Family

No specific mention.

---

## State definition

### Nature of state (general)

Page 1%2

### State configuration

Page 1, Chapter 1, Basic Principles

1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:  
a. Establish a union based on the principles of democracy and federalism in accordance with the outcomes of political dialogue and in the spirit of Panglong, that fully guarantees democratic rights, national equality and the right to self-determination on the basis of liberty, equality and justice while upholding the principles of non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of national sovereignty.

<b>Self determination</b>	Page 1, Chapter 1, Basic Principles 1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles: a. Establish a union based on the principles of democracy and federalism in accordance with the outcomes of political dialogue and in the spirit of Panglong, that fully guarantees democratic rights, national equality and the right to self-determination on the basis of liberty, equality and justice while upholding the principles of non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of national sovereignty.
<b>Referendum</b>	No specific mention.
<b>State symbols</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Independence/ secession</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Accession/ unification</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Border delimitation</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Cross-border provision</b>	No specific mention.

---

## **Governance**

<b>Political institutions (new or reformed)</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elections</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Electoral commission</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Political parties reform</b>	No specific mention.

**Civil society**

Page 6, Chapter 3 Provision of humanitarian assistance

10. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the provision of humanitarian assistance:

a. Relevant Government ministries, the Ethnic Armed Organizations and local organizations shall coordinate with each other when implementing delivery of humanitarian assistance by the NGOs and INGOs to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and conflict victims with the approval of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Page 10, Chapter 5 Holding of inclusive political dialogue

22. ... b. The participation of ethnic representatives, civil society organizations, scholars, experts, business associations, and other relevant stakeholders at different stages of political dialogue will be discussed and determined during the drafting of the Framework for Political Dialogue.


Page 13, Annex; Decisions and minutes made during NCA

10. Article 13; (The two parties) will coordinate for inclusion of locals acceptable to both parties in the different levels of the JMC mechanism if necessary

Page 13, Annex; Decisions and minutes made during NCA

10. Article 13; “Locals acceptable to both parties” means local CBO/CSOs

Page 14, Annex; Decisions and minutes made during NCA

15. Article 21 (b) “”

**Traditional/  
religious leaders**

No specific mention.

**Public  
administration**

No specific mention.

**Constitution**

No specific mention.

---

**Power sharing****Political power  
sharing**

No specific mention.

**Territorial power  
sharing**

No specific mention.

**Economic power  
sharing**

No specific mention.

**Military power  
sharing**

No specific mention.

---



## **Human rights and equality**

<b>Human rights/RoL general</b>	<p>Page 4, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters</p> <p>... 5. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations agree to abide by the following troop-related terms and conditions:</p> <p>... h. Administer rule of law in ceasefire areas and take action against perpetrators in accordance with the law in coordination with each other.</p> <p>Page 11, Chapter 6 Future Tasks</p> <p>Tasks to be implemented during the interim period</p> <p>25. a. The Ethnic Armed Organizations that are signatories to this agreement have been responsible in their relevant capacities, for development and security in their respective areas. During the period of signing ceasefire and political dialogue, we shall carry out the following programs and projects in coordination with each other in said areas. ... (4) Matters regarding peace and stability, and the maintenance of rule of law in the said areas.</p>
<b>Bill of rights/similar</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Treaty incorporation</b>	No specific mention.

**Civil and political rights**

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Life

Page 2, Chapter 1, Basic Principles

1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:

... k. Undertake efforts to protect lives and property and improve the livelihoods of all persons living within the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Torture

Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:

... b. Avoid acts violating a person's dignity, violence, extrajudicial detention, kidnapping, torture, inhumane treatment, imprisonment, killing or otherwise causing the disappearance of the individual.

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Equality

Page 1, Chapter 1, Basic Principles

1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:

a. Establish a union based on the principles of democracy and federalism in accordance with the outcomes of political dialogue and in the spirit of Panglong, that fully guarantees democratic rights, national equality and the right to self-determination on the basis of liberty, equality and justice while upholding the principles of non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of national sovereignty.

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Slavery

Page 6, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:

... m. Avoid any form of sexual attack on women, including sexual molestation, sexual assault or violence, rape and sex slavery.

Page 6, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:

... o. Avoid enslavement or forced labor of civilians.

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Liberty and security of person

Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:

... b. Avoid acts violating a person's dignity, violence, extrajudicial detention, kidnapping, torture, inhumane treatment, imprisonment, killing or otherwise causing the disappearance of the individual.

... e. Avoid unlawful and arbitrary arrest, entrapment, prosecution and pronouncement of judgment against civilians. Any action against civilians shall be undertaken in accordance with the law.

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Humane treatment in detention

Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:

... b. Avoid acts violating a person's dignity, violence, extrajudicial detention, kidnapping, torture, inhumane treatment, imprisonment, killing or otherwise causing the disappearance of the individual.

## **Socio-economic rights**

Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Property

Page 2, Chapter 1, Basic Principles

1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:  
... k. Undertake efforts to protect lives and property and improve the livelihoods of all persons living within the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:  
... d. Avoid forcibly taking money, property, food, labor or services from civilians.

Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:  
... f. Avoid forcible confiscation and transfer of land from local populations.

Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:  
... g. Avoid the destruction of public property, looting, theft, or the taking of property without permission.

Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Health

Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:  
... i. Avoid impeding an individual's right to health or access to healthcare; or restricting public health resources and the legal transportation of medicines for public use.

Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Education

Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:  
... h. Avoid restrictions on the right to education in accordance with the law; destruction of schools and educational buildings, including educational tools; and the disturbance and hindrance of students and teachers.

Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Adequate standard of living

Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:  
... j. Avoid impeding the small-scale storage, transport, sale and trade of food and supplies.

Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Cultural life

Page 1, Chapter 1, Basic Principles

1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:  
... d. Guarantee equal rights to all citizens who live within the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; no citizen shall be discriminated against on the basis of ethnicity, religion, culture, or gender

**Rights related issues**

<b>Citizenship</b>	<p>Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizens, specific rights</p> <p>Page 1, Chapter 1, Basic Principles</p> <p>1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:</p> <p>... d. Guarantee equal rights to all citizens who live within the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; no citizen shall be discriminated against on the basis of ethnicity, religion, culture, or gender.</p>
<b>Democracy</b>	<p>Page 1, Chapter 1, Basic Principles</p> <p>1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:</p> <p>a. Establish a union based on the principles of democracy and federalism in accordance with the outcomes of political dialogue and in the spirit of Panglong, that fully guarantees democratic rights, national equality and the right to self-determination on the basis of liberty, equality and justice while upholding the principles of non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of national sovereignty.</p>
<b>Detention procedures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Media and communication</b>	<p>Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles</p> <p>Page 3, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters</p> <p>... 5. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations agree to abide by the following troop-related terms and conditions:</p> <p>... f. Avoid hostile propaganda, defamatory, untruthful or derogatory statements, both within and outside the country.</p>
<b>Mobility/access</b>	<p>Page 5, Chapter 3 Free movement of troops</p> <p>8. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions governing the free movement of troops:</p> <p>a. Free movement of unarmed troops is allowed in all areas except in security-restricted areas.</p> <p>b. Movement of armed troops in the areas controlled by the other is allowed only after obtaining prior agreement.</p> <p>Page 6, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians</p> <p>9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:</p> <p>... q. Permit civilians to move freely inside ceasefire areas.</p>
<b>Protection measures</b>	<p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians</p> <p>Page 6, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians</p> <p>9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:</p> <p>...n. Avoid killing or maiming, forced conscription, rape or other forms of sexual assault or violence, or abduction of children.</p>
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

## **Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions** No specific mention.

---

## **Justice sector reform**

**Criminal justice and emergency law** Justice sector reform→Criminal justice and emergency law→Reform to specific laws  
Page 10, Chapter 6 Future Tasks  
Confidence building measures:  
24. ... b. It is agreed that the removal of all the Ethnic Armed Organizations that are signatories to this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement from the list of unlawful associations shall be undertaken. Further, no person (or) organization associating with the signatories to this agreement shall be subject to prosecution under the Political Parties Registration Law or Unlawful Associations Act.

**State of emergency provisions** Page 4, Chapter 3, Ceasefire Related Matters, ... g. Collaborate to carry out relief and rescue efforts and provision of medical supplies in the case of a natural disaster causing an emergency situation in a ceasefire area.

**Judiciary and courts** No specific mention.

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** No specific mention.

---

## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

### **Development or socio-economic reconstruction**

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development

Page 6, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:

... p. Ensure the security and development of civilians living in ceasefire areas.

Page 11, Chapter 6 Future Tasks

Tasks to be implemented during the interim period

25. a. The Ethnic Armed Organizations that are signatories to this agreement have been responsible in their relevant capacities, for development and security in their respective areas. During the period of signing ceasefire and political dialogue, we shall carry out the following programs and projects in coordination with each other in said areas. (1)

Projects concerning the health, education and socio-economic development of civilians.

Page 15, Annex; Decisions and minutes made during NCA

24. Article 25 (a)1 There will be no impositions to limit or restrict educational programs run by the EAOs in respective ceasefire areas

Page 15, Annex; Decisions and minutes made during NCA

27. Article 25 (b) The two parties will be thorough and meticulous in carrying out projects planned inside ceasefire areas

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance

Page 4, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

... 5. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations agree to abide by the following troop-related terms and conditions:

... g. Collaborate to carry out relief and rescue efforts and provision of medical supplies in the case of a natural disaster causing an emergency situation in a ceasefire area.

Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:

a. Provide necessary support in coordination with each other to improve livelihoods, health, education, and regional development for the people.

Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:

... h. Avoid restrictions on the right to education in accordance with the law; destruction of schools and educational buildings, including educational tools; and the disturbance and hindrance of students and teachers.

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

<b>International funds</b>	<p>Page 11, Chapter 6 Future Tasks</p> <p>Tasks to be implemented during the interim period</p> <p>25. a. The Ethnic Armed Organizations that are signatories to this agreement have been responsible in their relevant capacities, for development and security in their respective areas. During the period of signing ceasefire and political dialogue, we shall carry out the following programs and projects in coordination with each other in said areas. ... (5)</p> <p>Receiving aid from donor agencies both inside and outside the country for regional development and capacity-building projects.</p>
<b>Business</b>	<p>Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians</p> <p>9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:</p> <p>... j. Avoid impeding the small-scale storage, transport, sale and trade of food and supplies.</p> <p>Page 10, Chapter 5 Holding of inclusive political dialogue</p> <p>22. ... b. The participation of ethnic representatives, civil society organizations, scholars, experts, business associations, and other relevant stakeholders at different stages of political dialogue will be discussed and determined during the drafting of the Framework for Political Dialogue.</p> <p>Page 11, Chapter 6 Future Tasks</p> <p>Tasks to be implemented during the interim period</p> <p>25. ... b. Planning of projects that may have a major impact on civilians living in ceasefire areas shall be undertaken in consultation with local communities in accordance with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Standard procedures and coordinated with relevant the Ethnic Armed Organizations for implementation.</p>
<b>Taxation</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Banks</b>	No specific mention.

---

## Land, property and environment

<b>Land reform/rights</b>	<p>Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management</p> <p>Page 15, Annex; Decisions and minutes made during NCA</p> <p>26. Article 25 (b)2 (Concerning planning of projects in ceasefire areas during Interim Period) To coordinate on land and resources management.</p> <p>Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Property return and restitution</p> <p>Page 5, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians</p> <p>9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:</p> <p>... f. Avoid forcible confiscation and transfer of land from local populations.</p>
<b>Pastoralist/ nomadism rights</b>	No specific mention.



## **Cultural heritage**

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Tangible

Page 3, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

... 5. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations agree to abide by the following troop-related terms and conditions:

... d. Avoid using any religious buildings, schools, hospitals, clinics and their premises as well as culturally important places and public spaces as military outposts or encampments.

Page 6, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:

... k. Avoid the destruction or actions that would lead to the destruction of schools, hospitals, clinics, religious buildings and their premises and the use of such places as military bases or outposts.

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Intangible

Page 2, Chapter 1, Basic Principles

1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:

... f. Collectively establish a common national identity that embraces the diverse ethnicities and languages by recognizing the distinctive history, cultural practices, literature, language and national characteristics of all ethnic nationalities living within the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Page 6, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:

... l. Avoid either directly or indirectly interfering, humiliating or damaging the reputation of public activities to preserve religion, literature, and cultural and traditional practices.

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Promotion

Page 11, Chapter 6 Future Tasks

Tasks to be implemented during the interim period

25. a. The Ethnic Armed Organizations that are signatories to this agreement have been responsible in their relevant capacities, for development and security in their respective areas. During the period of signing ceasefire and political dialogue, we shall carry out the following programs and projects in coordination with each other in said areas. ... (3)

Efforts to preserve and promote ethnic culture, language, and literature.

**Environment**

Page 4, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

... 5. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations agree to abide by the following troop-related terms and conditions:

... g. Collaborate to carry out relief and rescue efforts and provision of medical supplies in the case of a natural disaster causing an emergency situation in a ceasefire area.

Page 11, Chapter 6 Future Tasks

Tasks to be implemented during the interim period

25. a. The Ethnic Armed Organizations that are signatories to this agreement have been responsible in their relevant capacities, for development and security in their respective areas. During the period of signing ceasefire and political dialogue, we shall carry out the following programs and projects in coordination with each other in said areas. ... (2)

Environmental conservation.

Page 15, Annex; Decisions and minutes made during NCA

25. Article 25 (a)2 “Environmental conservation” will include coordination on land and resources management as proposed by the EAOs

**Water or riparian  
rights or access**

No specific mention.

---



**Security  
Guarantees**

No specific mention.

## Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

Page 1, Preamble

In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace in this country, we, the signatories to this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, pledge to each other to diligently work together to implement all provisions contained in this agreement completely, successfully and without fail in an accountable, responsible and transparent manner.

Page 1, Chapter 1, Basic Principles

1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:  
...b. ... Reach a negotiated settlement to end protracted armed conflict in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, secure a nationwide ceasefire as a first step to end armed conflict and establish a new political culture of resolving political conflicts through political dialogue instead of force of arms.

Page 2, Chapter 2 Aims and Objectives

2. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ethnic Armed Organizations agree to the following aims and objectives:  
a. Begin an inclusive political dialogue process based on an agreed framework following the signing and implementation of the nationwide ceasefire, with an aim of achieving just and sustainable peace.

Page 2, Chapter 2 Aims and Objectives

2. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ethnic Armed Organizations agree to the following aims and objectives:  
... b. Form a “Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee” to carry out the following: implementing provisions of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement; monitoring adherence to the Code of Conduct; investigating alleged violations; and undertaking problem solving functions.

Page 3, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

3. We agree that within fourteen (14) days of signing this Agreement, responsible authorities from the Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall meet to define the exact timeframes governing ceasefire related matters and their implementation.

Page 3, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

... 4. We agree to abide by the mutually binding terms and conditions of the ceasefire and military codes of conduct as entered into through this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, and shall submit to investigation by the different levels of the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee.

Page 4, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

... 6. We shall negotiate and implement matters regarding troop recruitment by the Ethnic Armed Organizations in accordance with the implementation of this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement and the security reintegration process.

Page 4, Chapter 3 Deployment of military forces to avoid confrontations

7. In order to avoid military confrontation, the Tatmadaw and forces of the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions governing the deployment of troops:

a. Avoid confrontations in areas where there is direct contact between the troops, by acting immediately using radio, ground or other methods of communication.

b. Undertake repositioning of troops in consultation with each other to avoid confrontations.

c. In areas where repositioning of troops is still under discussion or remains difficult to

**Police**

No specific mention.

## Armed forces

Page 1, Chapter 1, Basic Principles

1. In order to achieve lasting and sustainable peace, we agree to implement this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in accordance with the following basic principles:  
...c. Discuss matters concerning Pyidaungsu Tatmadaw [army] made up of all ethnic nationalities during political dialogue.

Page 3, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

3. We agree that within fourteen (14) days of signing this Agreement, responsible authorities from the Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall meet to define the exact timeframes governing ceasefire related matters and their implementation.

Page 3, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

... 5. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations agree to abide by the following troop-related terms and conditions:

- a. Cease the following actions in ceasefire areas: troop movements for territorial control, reconnaissance, recruitment, armed attacks, laying of mines, acts of violence, destruction of property, and launching of military offensives.
- b. Avoid any direct or indirect action that may be regarded as hostile or contemptuous.
- c. Avoid troop reinforcements in the ceasefire areas other than the provision of administrative support, emergency medical support and routine rotation of troops; avoid building new military bases and supplying of ammunition and weaponry, except those already agreed by both parties. In the event of a threat to national security or to defend against external threats, the aforementioned activities may be undertaken in consultation between the parties.
- d. Avoid using any religious buildings, schools, hospitals, clinics and their premises as well as culturally important places and public spaces as military outposts or encampments.
- e. Undertake de-mining activities to clear mines laid by troops from all sides in accordance with the progress of the peace process and coordinate mine action activities in close consultation with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- f. Avoid hostile propaganda, defamatory, untruthful or derogatory statements, both within and outside the country.

Page 4, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

... 5. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations agree to abide by the following troop-related terms and conditions:

- ... g. Collaborate to carry out relief and rescue efforts and provision of medical supplies in the case of a natural disaster causing an emergency situation in a ceasefire area.
- h. Administer rule of law in ceasefire areas and take action against perpetrators in accordance with the law in coordination with each other.
- i. Undertake the administration of military matters in ceasefire areas in consultation with each other.
- j. Notify the signing of this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement to all levels of the respective command structures within twenty-four (24) hours of the signing and explain the provisions contained in this Agreement within five (5) days of the signing.
- k. Avoid resorting to force to resolve conflicts arising at lower levels and ranks.

Page 4, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

... 6. We shall negotiate and implement matters regarding troop recruitment by the Ethnic Armed Organizations in accordance with the implementation of this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement and the security integration process.

Page 4, Chapter 3 Deployment of military forces to avoid confrontations

## DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

Page 4, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

... 6. We shall negotiate and implement matters regarding troop recruitment by the Ethnic Armed Organizations in accordance with the implementation of this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement and the security reintegration process.

Page 3, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

... 5. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations agree to abide by the following troop-related terms and conditions:

... e. Undertake de-mining activities to clear mines laid by troops from all sides in accordance with the progress of the peace process and coordinate mine action activities in close consultation with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Page 6, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

9. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following provisions regarding the protection of civilians:

... p. Ensure the security and development of civilians living in ceasefire areas.

Page 9, Chapter 5 The political roadmap

20. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Government and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall abide by the following political roadmap:

... g. Implementing all provisions contained in the Pyidaungsu Accord, and carrying out security reintegration matters.

Page 14, Annex; Decisions and minutes made during NCA

14. Article 20 (g) The two parties will continue to confer on concepts related to “Security Sector Reintegration matters”

- The words “Security Sector Reintegration” mean Security Sector Reform (SSR) and Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR)

- The two parties agree to jointly assure that negotiations on the security sector reintegration will not delay, obstruct or impair in any way the political dialogue at different levels.

## Intelligence services

No specific mention.



**Parastatal/rebel  
and opposition  
group forces**

Page 1, Preamble

This Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ethnic Armed Organizations, recognizes, reinforces, and reaffirms all previous agreements between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ethnic Armed Organizations. This agreement also aims to secure an enduring peace based on the principles of dignity and justice, through an inclusive political dialogue process involving all relevant stakeholders.

Page 3, Chapter 2 Aims and Objectives

... d. Include all relevant the Ethnic Armed Organizations in the collective signing of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement by recognizing the political aspirations behind the resistance movements of the Ethnic Armed Organizations and aim to strengthen the Union spirit.

Page 3, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

3. We agree that within fourteen (14) days of signing this Agreement, responsible authorities from the Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations shall meet to define the exact timeframes governing ceasefire related matters and their implementation.

Page 3, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

... 5. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations agree to abide by the following troop-related terms and conditions:

- a. Cease the following actions in ceasefire areas: troop movements for territorial control, reconnaissance, recruitment, armed attacks, laying of mines, acts of violence, destruction of property, and launching of military offensives.
- b. Avoid any direct or indirect action that may be regarded as hostile or contemptuous.
- c. Avoid troop reinforcements in the ceasefire areas other than the provision of administrative support, emergency medical support and routine rotation of troops; avoid building new military bases and supplying of ammunition and weaponry, except those already agreed by both parties. In the event of a threat to national security or to defend against external threats, the aforementioned activities may be undertaken in consultation between the parties.
- d. Avoid using any religious buildings, schools, hospitals, clinics and their premises as well as culturally important places and public spaces as military outposts or encampments.
- e. Undertake de-mining activities to clear mines laid by troops from all sides in accordance with the progress of the peace process and coordinate mine action activities in close consultation with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- f. Avoid hostile propaganda, defamatory, untruthful or derogatory statements, both within and outside the country.

Page 4, Chapter 3 Ceasefire Related Matters

... 5. The Tatmadaw and the Ethnic Armed Organizations agree to abide by the following troop-related terms and conditions:

- ... g. Collaborate to carry out relief and rescue efforts and provision of medical supplies in the case of a natural disaster causing an emergency situation in a ceasefire area.
- h. Administer rule of law in ceasefire areas and take action against perpetrators in accordance with the law in coordination with each other.

i. Undertake the administration of military matters in ceasefire areas in consultation with each other.

j. Notify the signing of this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement to all levels of the respective command structures within twenty-four (24) hours of the signing and explain the provisions contained in this Agreement within five (5) days of the signing.

<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	Page 11, Chapter 6 Future Tasks Tasks to be implemented during the interim period 25. ... b. Planning of projects that may have a major impact on civilians living in ceasefire areas shall be undertaken in consultation with local communities in accordance with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Standard procedures and coordinated with relevant the Ethnic Armed Organizations for implementation.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Drugs</b>	Page 11, Chapter 6 Future Tasks Tasks to be implemented during the interim period 25. a. The Ethnic Armed Organizations that are signatories to this agreement have been responsible in their relevant capacities, for development and security in their respective areas. During the period of signing ceasefire and political dialogue, we shall carry out the following programs and projects in coordination with each other in said areas. ... (6) Eradication of illicit drugs.
<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.

---

## **Transitional justice**

<b>Transitional justice general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Amnesty/pardon</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Courts</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisoner release</b>	Page 10, Chapter 6 Future Tasks Confidence building measures: 24. ... c. After the signing of this Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, any person charged or detained for alleged association with the Ethnic Armed Organizations under the Unlawful Associations Act, shall be released in accordance with the law.
<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Victims</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.

**Reparations** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** No specific mention.

---

**Implementation**

**UN signatory** Page 15, Annex; Decisions and minutes made during NCA  
31. Article 33 UPWC agrees to invite international witnesses as proposed by the EAOs:  
UN, China, India and Thailand

**Other international signatory** Witnesses  
... 2) International

Page 15, Annex; Decisions and minutes made during NCA  
31. Article 33 UPWC agrees to invite international witnesses as proposed by the EAOs:  
UN, China, India and Thailand

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/ similar** Page 7, Chapter 4 Maintaining and Strengthening Ceasefire  
Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee  
12. To ensure compliance with this Agreement, the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement Joint Implementation Coordination Meeting shall form the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee as follows:  
... c. We shall jointly decide on the basis of mutual agreement, the role of representatives from foreign governments and international organizations that are involved in the ongoing peace process, either as observers, advisors or to provide necessary technical assistance at different levels of the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee.

**Enforcement mechanism** Page 12, Chapter 7 Joint dispute resolution  
31. a. We shall resolve through peaceful negotiation means any issues that may arise in complying with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.  
b. We shall submit any issue that cannot be resolved in accordance with paragraph 31(a) to the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement Joint Implementation Coordination Meeting for resolution.

**Related cases** No specific mention.

**Source** Peacemaker, available at [https://peacemaker.un.org/sites/peacemaker.un.org/files/MM\\_151510\\_NCAAgreement.pdf](https://peacemaker.un.org/sites/peacemaker.un.org/files/MM_151510_NCAAgreement.pdf) (Accessed on January 8, 2020; archived on WaybackMachine)

---