Country/entity	Myanmar
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	11-Point Common Position of Ethnic Resistance Organizations on Nationwide Ceasefire (Laiza Agreement)
Date	2 Nov 2013
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Myanmar Conflict (1948 -)

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 stuggle 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, here 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 -
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Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Myanmar ceasefires process with ethnic armed groups

Parties	Ethnic armed organizations: U Twan Zaq, Gen. Sec. of Arakan National Council; Khaing Thuka, Gen. Sec. of Arakan Liberation Party; U Tun Mrat Naig, Commander-in-Chief, Arakan Army; Pu Zin Cun, Secretary-General, Chin National Front; Gen. Saw Mo Shay, Vice Chief of Staff, Democratic Karen Benevolent Army; Koon Abel Tweed, Chairman, Karenni National Progressive; Saw Mutu Say Po, Chairman, Karen National Union; Col. Saw Kyaw Dah, Secretary, Foreign and Public Relations Department, KNU/KNLA Peace Council; Kya Khunsa, Chairman, Lahu Democratic Union; Hpon Da Shwin, Chief of Staff, Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army; Nai Han Tha, Gen. Sec., New Mon State Party; Khun Myint Tun, Chairman, Pao National Liberation Organisation; Col. Aik Hpone, Chairman, Palaung State Liberation Front; Col. Sai Hla, Secretary-2, Shan State Restoration Council; Sao Khunsai, Gen. Sec., Shan State Progressive Party; Ta Maha, Vice Chairman, Wa National Organisation; U Zaung Hkra, Chairman, Kachin Independence Organisation; Lt. Gen. N-Ban La, Chairman, United Nationalities Federal Council;
Third parties	U Harn Yaunghway, Euro-Burma Office; U Ywin Zaw Khaung, Peace-talk Creation Group (PCG); U In Sharn Hsan Awng, Peace-talk Creation Group
Description	A set of principles for a ceasefire signed between armed groups, including basic principles, objectives, forming a political roadmap, aspects to be included in the National Ceasefire Accord, aspects related to implementation, CMBs, and items to be discussed.

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Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.

Racial/ethnic/ national group	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive Page 1, 1. Basic Principles 29 28 1.5 Protection of the basic rights of the ethnic nationalities; Page 1-2, 3. Laying Down a Political Road Map Acceptable to Both Sides 3.4 Holding the union level conference, based on Panlong spirit and principles and signing Pyidaungsu Accord (Union Accord), relating to the ethnic nationalities; Page 1-2, 3. Laying Down a Political Road Map Acceptable to Both Sides ... 3.5 Ratification of the Pyidaungsu Accord, relating to the ethnic Nationalities; Page 1-2, 3. Laying Down a Political Road Map Acceptable to Both Sides ... 3.6 Implementing the terms of Pyidaungsu Accord, relating to the ethnic nationalities;
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender	
Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)	Page 3, 8. Programs for the period of dialogues and negotiations 8.7 Issues relating to border, territory, immigration, trade;
State configuration	Page 1, 1. Basic Principles 1.3 Genuine federal system; Page 1, 2. Aims & Objectives ... 2.5 From meaningful political dialogues to establishment of the Federal Union based on states of the ethnic nationalities;
Self determination	No specific mention.
Referendum	No specific mention.
State symbols	No specific mention.
Independence/ secession	No specific mention.
Accession/ unification	No specific mention.
Border delimitation	No specific mention.
Cross-border provision	No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
Elections	No specific mention.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	[Third Parties] U Ywin Zaw Khaung, Peace-talk Creation Group (PCG); U In Sharn Hsan Awng, Peace-talk Creation Group

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	Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Federal or similar sub-divided government Page 1, 1. Basic Principles 1.3 Genuine federal system; Page 1, 2. Aims & Objectives ... 2.5 From meaningful political dialogues to establishment of the Federal Union based on states of the ethnic nationalities;
Economic power sharing	Power sharing→Economic power sharing→Sharing of resources Page 2, 8. Programs for the period of dialogues and negotiations ... 8.2 Division/Sharing of economic powers and implementation
Military power sharing	Power sharing→Military power sharing→Proportionality Page 1, 1. Basic Principles 1.4 Formation of Union Armed Forces;

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	Page 1, 1. Basic Principles ... 1.7 All-inclusiveness;
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Equality Page 1, 1. Basic Principles ... ... 1.6 Equality; Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Freedom of movement Page 2, 6. Matters that shall be performed, with regard to trust building ... 6.2 Permission for freedom of movement;
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups Page 1, 1. Basic Principles 1.5 Protection of the basic rights of the ethnic nationalities;
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	Rights institutions→NHRI→New or fundamentally revised NHRI Page 2, 5. Implementation ... 5.3 Forming an independent human rights watch committee;
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 2, 8. Programs for the period of dialogues and negotiations ... 8.3 Issues relating to amendment of laws;
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
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 3, 8. Programs for the period of dialogues and negotiations ... 8.8 Issues relating to mega economic projects;
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	Page 2, 8. Programs for the period of dialogues and negotiations ... 8.6 Issues relating to management of natural resources;
International funds	No specific mention.
Business	Page 3, 8. Programs for the period of dialogues and negotiations 8.7 Issues relating to border, territory, immigration, trade;
Taxation	No specific mention.
Banks	No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights	Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Other land rights Page 2, 8. Programs for the period of dialogues and negotiations ... 8.5 Issues relating to land reform;
Pastoralist/ nomadism rights	No specific mention.
Cultural heritage	Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Other Page 2, 8. Programs for the period of dialogues and negotiations ... 8.4 Issues relating to culture and environment;
Environment	Page 2, 8. Programs for the period of dialogues and negotiations ... 8.4 Issues relating to culture and environment;
Water or riparian rights or access	No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees	No specific mention.
Ceasefire	Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision Page 1, 2. Aims & Objectives ... 2.2 Cessation of confrontational attacks and hostilities; 2.3 Respect for and observation of ceasefire rules agreed to by all; Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments Page 1, 3. Laying Down a Political Road Map Acceptable to Both Sides ... 3.2 Signing nationwide ceasefire accord; Page 2, 4. Main Terms that shall be Included in Nationwide Ceasefire Accord 4.1 Issues relating to armed forces; 4.2 Issues relating to liaison offices; 4.3 Promise to hold political dialogues; 4.4 Drawing up framework for political dialogue and adoption of it; 4.5 Protection of civilians; 4.6 Agreeing to military code of conduct;
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	Page 2, 4. Main Terms that shall be Included in Nationwide Ceasefire Accord 4.1 Issues relating to armed forces;
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	Page 1, 2. Aims & Objectives ... 2.4 Reaffirming and sustaining the agreement and promises between the government and the ethnic armed organizations, and for starting political dialogues heading to durable and just peace;
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	Page 1, 1. Basic Principles ... 1.10 Transparency and responsibility;
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.

Drugs	Page 3, 8. Programs for the period of dialogues and negotiations ... 8.9 Issues relating to narcotic drugs eradication;
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	Page 1, 3. Laying Down a Political Road Map Acceptable to Both Sides 3.1 Achieving agreement on all-inclusive “Framework for National Political Dialogue”;
Amnesty/pardon	Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper Page 2, 7. Issues relating to waiver from legal actions under the Illegal Association Acts
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	Page 2, 5. Implementation 5.1 Implementing, in practice, the joint monitoring system; 5.2 Forming a joint committee, which will continue to implement the convening of political dialogues/forums; 5.3 Forming an independent human rights watch committee; 5.4 Implementation in accordance with a time line;