

<b>Country/entity</b>	Myanmar
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	11-Point Common Position of Ethnic Resistance Organizations on Nationwide Ceasefire (Laiza Agreement)
<b>Date</b>	2 Nov 2013
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	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 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 -  
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<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	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.

**Agreement document** [MN\\_131102\\_11-point Laiza agreement.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

**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 ၃၅  
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

<b>Nature of state (general)</b>	Page 3, 8. Programs for the period of dialogues and negotiations 8.7 Issues relating to border, territory, immigration, trade;
<b>State configuration</b>	Page 1, 1. Basic Principles ၂၅ ၂၆ 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;
<b>Self determination</b>	No specific mention.
<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.

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## 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.
<b>Civil society</b>	[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.

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**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 28  
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 28  
1.4 Formation of Union Armed Forces;

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## Human rights and equality

**Human rights/RoL general** Page 1, 1. Basic Principles 29  
... 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 29  
... 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.

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## 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 29  
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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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

<b>Security Guarantees</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Ceasefire</b>	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  Page 1, 2. Aims &amp; 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;</p> <p>Page 2, 4. Main Terms that shall be Included in Nationwide Ceasefire Accord  4.1 Issues relating to armed forces;  <sup>29</sup>/<sub>28</sub>  4.2 Issues relating to liaison offices;  <sup>29</sup>/<sub>28</sub>  4.3 Promise to hold political dialogues;  <sup>29</sup>/<sub>28</sub>  4.4 Drawing up framework for political dialogue and adoption of it;  4.5 Protection of civilians;<sup>29</sup>/<sub>28</sub>  4.6 Agreeing to military code of conduct;</p>
<b>Police</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Armed forces</b>	<p>Page 2, 4. Main Terms that shall be Included in Nationwide Ceasefire Accord  4.1 Issues relating to armed forces;</p>
<b>DDR</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	<p>Page 1, 2. Aims &amp; 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;</p>
<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	<p>Page 1, 1. Basic Principles <sup>29</sup>/<sub>28</sub>  ... 1.10 Transparency and responsibility;</p>
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	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.

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**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.

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## **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;<sup>28</sup>  
5.2 Forming a joint committee, which will continue to implement the convening of political dialogues/forums;<sup>28</sup>  
5.3 Forming an independent human rights watch committee;  
5.4 Implementation in accordance with a time line;

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