11-Point Common Position of Ethnic Resistance Organizations on Nationwide Ceasefire

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Foreword

1. Basic Principles
   1.1 Pledge for Peace;
   1.2 Recognition of Panlong Agreement;
   1.3 Genuine federal system;
   1.4 Formation of Union Armed Forces;
   1.5 Protection of the basic rights of the ethnic nationalities;
   1.6 Equality;
   1.7 All-inclusiveness;
   1.8 Achieving agreement;
   1.9 Cooperation;
   1.10 Transparency and responsibility;

2. Aims & Objectives
   2.1 Building mutual trust;
   2.2 Cessation of confrontational attacks and hostilities;
   2.3 Respect for and observation of ceasefire rules agreed to by all;
   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;
   2.5 From meaningful political dialogues to establishment of the Federal Union based on states of the ethnic nationalities;

3. Laying Down a Political Road Map Acceptable to Both Sides
   3.1 Achieving agreement on all-inclusive “Framework for National Political Dialogue”;
   3.2 Signing nationwide ceasefire accord;
   3.3 Holding national level political dialogues;
   3.4 Holding the union level conference, based on Panlong spirit and
principles and signing Pyidaungsu Accord (Union Accord), relating to the ethnic nationalities;
3.5 Ratification of the Pyidaungsu Accord, relating to the ethnic Nationalities;
3.6 Implementing the terms of Pyidaungsu Accord, relating to the ethnic nationalities;

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;

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;

6. Matters that shall be performed, with regard to trust building

6.1 Performance shall be based on sincere endeavor;
6.2 Permission for freedom of movement;

7. Issues relating to waiver from legal actions under the Illegal Association Acts

8. Programs for the period of dialogues and negotiations

8.1 Division/Sharing of administrative powers and implementation;
8.2 Division/Sharing of economic powers and implementation
8.3 Issues relating to amendment of laws;
8.4 Issues relating to culture and environment;
8.5 Issues relating to land reform;
8.6 Issues relating to management of natural resources;
8.7 Issues relating to border, territory, immigration, trade;
8.8 Issues relating to mega economic projects;
8.9 Issues relating to narcotic drugs eradication;

9. Signing
10. Ratification
11. Miscellaneous

We, the undersigned organizations, pledge to implement, unanimously and collectively, the “Common Agreement” reached.

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