Country/entity: Myanmar
Region: Asia and Pacific
Agreement name: The Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) between The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAO)
Date: 15/10/2015
Agreement status: Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement: No
Agreement/conflict level: Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Myanmar Conflict (1948 - )
Stage: Ceasefire/related (Ceasefire)
Conflict nature: Government/territory
Peace process: 80: Myanmar ceasefires process with ethnic armed groups
Parties: 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)

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 (https://frontiermyanmar.net/en/nmsp-ldu-formally-sign-nationwide-ceasefire-agreement).

Third parties: Witnesses
1) National
2) International

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31. Article 33 UPWC agrees to invite international witnesses as proposed by the EAOs: UN, China, India and Thailand
32. Article 33 In addition, the NCA will be signed in the presence of the following country representatives: EU, USA, UK, Norway and Japan.

Description: 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.

Agreement document: [MN_151015_Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.pdf](#)

Agreement document (original language): [MM_151015_Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement_BUR.pdf](#)

Main category: Page 1, Chapter 1, Basic Principles
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Page 6, Chapter 3 Protection of Civilians

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

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

Women, girls and gender

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**Transitional justice**  
No specific mention.

**Institutional reform**  
No specific mention.

**Development**  
No specific mention.

**Implementation**  
No specific mention.

**Other**  
No specific mention.