

Statement of Expanded Meeting of the Political Leading Board and Central Executive Committee of UNFC

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The expanded meeting of the United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC) Political Leading Board and Central Executive Committee was held from May 9 to 12, 2011 successfully in a liberated area in the border region. The meeting reviewed the domestic as well as the international situations and discussed thoroughly some adjustments necessary for more effective and smooth performance of internal work of the UNFC.

At this meeting, necessary amendments were made to the UNFC Constitution, which was adopted by the Ethnic Nationalities Conference held from February 12 to 16, 2011, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The members of UNFC were selected and the 9-member executive committee was formed by consensus decision and in accordance with the amended Constitution.

The amendments and the undertakings made by the meeting were for the implementation of work for the time being and confirmation is to be obtained at the Conference to be held in the future. The re-formed Central Executive Committee (CEC) is headed as chairman by Lt. Gen. N-Ban La. The former chairman, Gen. Mutu Say Poe, is to head the Defense Department and function as the Chief of Staff of the Federal Union Army. The goal of the UNFC is to establish the future Federal Union (of Burma) and the Federal Union Army is formed for giving protection to the people of the country.

Under the supervision of the CEC are the Organizing and Information Department, Defense Department, Finance Department, Foreign Affairs Department, Research and Legal Department and Relief and Rehabilitation Department, which will be responsible for carrying out work of the main programs of the UNFC.

The fundamental political problems of the Union of Burma today are the crumbling of national unity and loss of democratic rights due to the denial of national equality and self-determination. Analysis of the root cause shows that disintegration of national unity led to loss of the democratic rights. For that reason, national unity is the basic problem. On several occasions, the ethnic nationalities have tried to find an answer to the problem peacefully, by political means. However, those in power have refused consistently to resolve the problem correctly.

We, the UNFC, are desirous of finding an answer to the problem peacefully, by political means, bearing in mind the suffering of the entire people made up of the various nationalities, due to the civil war.

Accordingly, we call on the current regime in power of Burma to cease military offensive, which has been going on since March 13, 2011 against one of the UNFC member organizations, the Shan State Progressive Party/Shan State Army.

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