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**Statement of the second annual Central Standing Committee meeting following the  
15<sup>th</sup> Karen National Union Congress**

December 7, 2013

1. Following the Karen National Union 15<sup>th</sup> Congress, the second Central Standing Committee meeting was successfully held in Lay Wah, Pa-an District, Karen State from December 2 to 7, 2013 and (45) committee members attended this meeting.
2. During the Central Standing Committee meeting, they reviewed the implementation of the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress resolutions, programs and departments' work of the KNU and laid down future plans.
3. The Committee analysed the nationwide ceasefire agreement proposed by the government and reviewed and commented on the draft proposal of the ethnic armed organizations, Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team – NCCT. Furthermore, the Committee discussed and analysed the government plan to conduct a nationwide population census and also agreed to plan and host the second Ethnic Armed Organizations Conference in the KNU controlled area.
4. To build durable peace, the Karen National Union will continue to cooperate and work with Ethnic and Democratic Organizations towards a meaningful political dialogue through a sustainable nationwide ceasefire agreement.

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