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**Statement of the Central Standing Committee 5th Emergency Meeting
Following the Karen National Union 15th Congress**

15 August 2015

The Central Standing Committee held their 5th Emergency Meeting, following the Karen National Union's 15th Congress. The two-day meeting was successfully held from 14 – 15 August 2015. Forty-four Central Standing Committee members (out of fifty) attended the meeting. They discussed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), and the preparation for the political dialogue after signing the NCA.

During the meeting, the Karen National Union (KNU) analysed matters related to the NCA and the peace process. They also discussed the signing of the ceasefire agreement, the political situation in Burma/Myanmar and the concerns regarding the political situation.

The KNU accepted and agreed with the results of the 9th round of negotiations, between the Ethnic Armed Organisations' Senior Delegation (SD) for the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, and the Union Peace-Making Working Committee (UPWC).

Additionally, the meeting decided to sign the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, and will pursue the opportunity of signing the agreement together with other ethnic resistance organisations.

Furthermore, for the organisations that are not able to sign the NCA due to different reasons, the KNU will attempt to gain a guarantee for them politically, militarily and with the right to humanitarian assistance.

In accordance with the decision of the KNU Congress, which is to solve the political problems by political means through the peace process, from the step of the nationwide ceasefire to starting the all inclusive political dialogue, the KNU will implement together with other armed resistance organisations, political parties, political forces and civil societies.

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