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1. At the Union Peace Conference – 21st Century Pinlong (Second Meeting) held at the Myanmar Convention Center-2 (MCC-2), from May 24 to 29, 2017, the Karen National Union (KNU) Delegation for Political Dialogue had to face a number challenges. At the same time, the emanation of some results is viewed as a good indication for the future, that would lead to continual and meaningful political dialogues and the early developments of political transformation relating federalism.
2. However, the main objectives looked forward to by the ethnic nationalities, the vital points - being the essential roles of states in the union crucial for a federal system, the sharing and division of powers between the union and the states, the state constitutions, the joint realization of terms of the peace agreements etc., remain to be conferred.
3. If the vital points mentioned above cannot still be discussed and agreed upon, it is believed that the future, new union, practicing the federal system, cannot still emerge.
4. Clarifications will be continued about the situation of the political dialogues among the people, the Karen community based organizations and associations, the points agreed upon and the items still remaining for discussion.
5. The press release is made to affirm that for the establishment of a genuine federal union, the KNU will join hands with the entire Karen people and participate actively in the future political dialogues as well as in the Union Peace Conference – 21st Century Pinlong meetings, until the political goal is successfully achieved.

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