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**Statement of the Second Central Standing Committee
Emergency Meeting following the KNU 16th Congress**

1. The Second Central Standing Committee (CSC) emergency meeting of the Karen National Union (KNU), following the KNU 16th Congress, was successfully held from 23 to 27 January 2018. The meeting was attended by 48 of the 55 central standing committee members, and 3 specially invited leaders.
2. During the meeting, the KNU discussed matters related to the political situation, the implementation of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) and peace process, the Union Peace Conference – 21st Century Panglong (third session), the different levels of consultations and sub-national ethnic based dialogues, the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) and interim period related issues, and the political situation in Burma/Myanmar.
3. Due the current political situation and further peace process implementation, the CSC meeting agreed to the decisions of the Peace Process Steering Team (PPST). The PPST had agreed to use a more constructive political approach, and regarding the Union Peace Conference to get different levels of consultation and political dialogues.
4. Regarding the political dialogue the respective leaders from the political and security sectors will negotiate to gain more understanding through informal discussions.
5. JMC activities were reviewed, and it was decided to hold a consultation meeting among the JMC representatives from the KNU in order to gain a fruitful joint implementation.
6. While conducting political dialogues in gaining the building of a future democratic federal union and prior to achieving fruitful political results, the KNU will continue its political, defense, administration, and organising activities, and through negotiation, will implement the interim period of the NCA.
7. As per the KNU 16th Congress regarding peace in the country and its future plans, the KNU will continue to seek and gain solutions through negotiation among all stakeholders. The implementation of peace in the country, national reconciliation, NCA implementation, and continuing successful political dialogue process, the KNU reinforce that it will continue to cooperate with its own Karen people, EAOs, political parties, political forces and all the Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).

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