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Statement on the 4th NCA-S EAOs Summit (1st Session)

The 4th NCA-S EAOs Summit (1st Session) of the Ethnic Armed Organisations who signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) was held on the 14-18 May 2019 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The Karen National Union's (KNU) 5-members delegation led by its Chairman General Mutu Sae Poe attended the Summit.

At the Summit, the KNU proposed a new alliance structure among the EAOs with the specific intention to be able to continue holding political dialogues now and beyond 2020, to strengthen the NCA implementation efforts, and at the same time, to build trust so as to continue the peace process meaningfully.

In order to come together for coordination efforts, activities planning, constructive information sharing, and deliberations, and with the intention to create a space for the EAOs who are non-signatories to the NCA to come together for setting common goals among the EAOs, the KNU proposed a new strategic but loose gathering point – the Peace Process Consultative Meeting (PPCM).

The KNU will continue to work together with other EAOs for the implementation of the two main activities laid out at the Summit: to prepare for negotiations to overcome the current blockades in the peace process; and to identify ways for the EAOs to emerge the proposed PPCM.

Essential to the new setting is for the political dialogues to be take place before 2020 and beyond 2020. Also, the new setting calls for creating space for those who are committed to the meaningful process with the possibility to produce concrete outcomes to be able to come together and make collective decisions.

The KNU is determined to continue working diligently with the participation and collaboration of the broader public for sustainable peace, through political negotiations as agreed by the NCA.

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