

Statement of Meeting No. 04/2019
Peace Process Steering Team of Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement □ Signatory, Ethnic Armed
Organizations Meeting
August 25, 2019

1. Meeting No. 04/2019 of the Peace Process Steering Team (PPST+2) of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement □ Signatory, Ethnic Armed Organization (NCA-S EAO) was held from 21 to 25 August 2019 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. It was attended by leaders of PPST, representatives, technical advisors and office staff totaling 72 persons.
2. As New Mon State Party (NMSP) and Lahu Democratic Union (LDU) have become full-fledged members at the present meeting of Peace Process Steering Team (PPST), therefore, PPST has been expanded to include 10 members.
3. In order to achieve a breakthrough in the deadlock being faced in the peace process including the implementation of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), it was agreed and confirmed after careful deliberation that "A Framework Agreement on NCA Implementation" be developed systematically and to negotiate with the government for agreement.
4. So as to continue negotiation with the government, PPST has formed two negotiating committees namely "Committee for Negotiating Framework Agreement on NCA Implementation" and "Committee for Negotiating Enforcement of Ceasefire" with members from the ten NCA-S EAO groups.
5. PPST calls for reducing the ongoing conflicts among the government, the Tatmadaw and the three brotherhood alliance and reducing the fighting taking place in Rakhine State by both sides and to hold political dialogue for peaceful settlement.
6. We would like to state that we are going to strive together with stakeholders for creating a situation in which all forces that should participate could do so in the peace process and building a federal union and for the success of the peace process.

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