

Ethnic Nationalities Council  
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The Ethnic Nationalities Council (Union of Burma) meeting to discuss the issues the nation is facing, including those of the ethnic nationalities, takes the position that:

- 1) The current detention, trial and attempt to punish democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi by the SPDC military regime, are unlawful and are based on trumped-up charges.
- 2) The attempt by the SPDC to transform the armed ethnic resistance organizations that have cease-fires with them, into border security guards without any political dialogue and prior agreement, is an attempt to deny them their crucial political role by effectively disarming their troops.
- 3) SPDC military operations in territories of the ethnic nationalities including that of the Karen National Union, and the human rights violations including the forcible recruitment of child soldiers, not only make innocent civilians into war refugees but also affect the stability of the region and that of neighboring countries. Furthermore, these activities clearly demonstrate that recent SPDC offers for peace talks are not genuine.
- 4) The announcement of the 2010 elections under the constitution drafted by the SPDC's sham National Convention and forcibly adopted by an unfair national referendum, is not the way to solve Burma's current crisis. Instead it will strengthen military dictatorship.

Therefore, we urge the SPDC to immediately stop aforesaid activities and conduct a tripartite dialogue – the military, democracy advocates, and the ethnic nationalities. The only way to resolve the present political crisis is by peaceful and political means.

We strongly urge governments and the international community including the United Nations to take action for the emergence of a tripartite dialogue.

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