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Secretary of State
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Dear Your Excellency,

We deeply appreciate you for standing with the people of Myanmar by giving a clear message to the military coup leaders. The coup on February 1, 2021 is a vivid demonstration of Burmese military coup culture, which has been embedded and practiced since 1962 by General Ne win. The military dictatorship, which has persisted to the present day through his appointed Generals, needs to be eliminated and eradicated from our democratic open society.

We applaud that the United States of America and our like-minded allies are working together to call on the junta to relinquish power and to restore the democratically elected legislature and government. We are overly concerned about the action of some ASEAN members calling short of supporting the outcome of November election and attempting to call for a new election. It is a direct insult on the will of the Myanmar people. Any call for another election under the military watch is against the principle of the ASEAN's statement of non-interference in the internal affairs of Member States. The repeated act of seizing the power at gunpoint and detaining the democratically elected political figures will lead to nothing but the instability of not only Myanmar but also Indo Pacific Region.

We like to call for the release of all political prisoners including the elected representatives of the House followed by the recognition of the House of Representatives (Pyidaungsu Hluttaw) elected on November 8, 2020. We like to call for the initiation of the dialogue between the elected legislature and the military to form a genuine democratic government. This can only be enforced by decisive actions by the international community including targeted sanctions and legal actions on human rights violations and international laws.

In order to effectively communicate with the legitimately elected legislature, we strongly plead the administration of President Biden and State Department to:

1. Recognize the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) as a legitimate elected body representing the Myanmar people. CRPH was formed at a Union Parliament virtual meeting attended by 300 members of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after the leaders and key members were arrested by the military.
2. Engage the Special Representative of CRPH for future discussions and consultations.
3. Support sending an international mediator for critical monitoring and assessment of the escalating situation on the ground to prevent further bloodshed and human rights violations by Myanmar's military leaders.



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(The mediator must meet with de facto leader Aung san Suu Kyi and President Win Myint and assure their physical wellbeing.)

Myanmar has suffered under too much bloodshed, and generations have lost their hopes, futures and freedoms while the country descends into one of the least developed nation under the ruthless military junta over sixty years. We have a great expectation that the United States continues to play a crucial role to help us avert future crises and fulfil the unwavering will of our people for the peaceful restoration of the democratically elected Myanmar government.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to this urgent request.

Sincerely,

Free Myanmar, USA
Free Myanmar Australia Chapter
Free Myanmar Canada Chapter
Free Myanmar UK Chapter

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About Free Myanmar

Free Myanmar is the movement of concerned people from all walks of life and across the continents that, for reasons both personal and compassionate, have come together to unify voices and non-violent activities outside Myanmar in coordination with movements inside Myanmar to end military dictatorship and support Myanmar's transition to a truly democratic federal union that protects and provides equal opportunities for all regardless of race, religion, gender and background.