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H. E. Mr. Antonio Guterres  
United Nations Secretary General  
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Your Excellency,

We would like to thank you for your crucial demand on the military junta as well as your full support and encouraging message of goodwill for the people of Myanmar in their pursuit of democracy, peace, human rights and the rule of law.

The coup on February 1, 2021 is a vivid demonstration of Myanmar's military coup culture, which has been embedded and practiced since 1962 by General Ne Win. The military dictatorship has persisted to the present day through his appointed Generals. As you have stated, "Military coups have no place in our modern world." Your demand to "Release the prisoners. End the violence. Respect human rights and the will of the people expressed in recent elections" must be immediately implemented by the military junta.

The first step is to release 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. The next step is to initiate 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.

In order to effectively communicate with the legitimately elected legislature, we strongly plead you and the United Nations 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 at UN discussions and consultations.
3. Send the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy and Special Rapporteur to Myanmar 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.

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 UN, under your



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esteemed leadership, holds the power 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 response 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.