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Joint statement on Myanmar UN Security Council open briefing

We, the undersigned 286 organizations stress the need, at an absolute minimum, to convene an open meeting of the UN Security Council to address the deteriorating humanitarian situation and urgent civilian protection concerns in Myanmar as a matter of extreme urgency.

As we approach one year since the attempted coup on 1 February, all UN Security Council member states have a shared responsibility to address the crisis in an open setting and share national positions on actions the UN Security Council should be taking. Closed meetings and press statements are not working.

We call on Norway as UN Security Council President, the UK as Myanmar “penholder” and all supportive states to table the open debate before the one-year anniversary and require other member states to declare their support.

Signed by:

1. Action Aid International
2. Action Committee for Democracy Development
3. Ah Nah Podcast: Conversations with Myanmar
4. Albany Karen Community, Albany NY
5. All Arakan Students’ and Youths’ Congress
6. All Burma Democratic Face in New Zealand
7. Alternative Solutions for Rural Communities (ASORCOM)
8. ALTSEAN-Burma
9. American Baptist Churches USA
10. American Rohingya Advocacy/Arakan Institute for Peace and Development
11. Amnesty International
12. Arizona Kachin Community, AZ
13. ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights
14. Asia Democracy Network
15. Asian Dignity Initiative
16. Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)
17. Association of Human Rights Defenders and Promoters
18. Athan – Freedom of Expression Activist Organization
19. Auckland Kachin Community NZ
20. Auckland Zomi Community
21. Australia Karen Organisation
22. Backpack Health Workers Team
23. Blood Money Campaign
24. Boat People SOS

25. Burma Action Ireland
26. Burma Campaign UK
27. Burma Human Rights Network (BHRN)
28. Burma Medical Association
29. Burma Task Force
30. Burmese American Millennials
31. Burmese Democratic Forces
32. Burmese People in Ireland
33. Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK
34. Burmese Rohingya Welfare Organisation New Zealand
35. Burmese Women's Union
36. Calgary Karen Community Association (CKCA)
37. California Kachin Community, CA
38. Campaign for a New Myanmar
39. Canadian Rohingya Development Initiative (CRDI)
40. Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)
41. CHANGJAK21
42. Chin Community of Auckland
43. Chin Leaders of Tomorrow (CLT)
44. CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation
45. Clean Clothes Campaign
46. Coalition to Abolish Modern-day Slavery in Asia (CAMSA)
47. Committee for Religious Freedom in Vietnam
48. CRPH & NUG Supporters Ireland
49. CRPH Funding Ireland
50. Dallas Kachin Community, TX
51. DEEKU, the Karenni Community of TX
52. Democracy for Myanmar - Working Group (NZ)
53. Democracy, Peace and Women's Organization - DPW
54. Dooplaya Karen Community Development Group
55. Dr. Denis Mukwege Foundation
56. Edmonton Karen Community Youth Organization
57. Equality Myanmar
58. European Karen Network
59. European Rohingya Council
60. Federal Myanmar Benevolence Group (NZ)
61. Florida Kachin Community, FL
62. Fortify Rights
63. Free Burma Action Bay/USA/Global
64. Free Myanmar Campaign USA/BACI
65. Free Myanmar Inc.
66. Freedom for Burma
67. Freedom Justice Equality for Myanmar
68. Future Light Center

69. Future Thanlwin
70. Generation Wave
71. Georgia Kachin Community, GA
72. Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect
73. Global Justice Center
74. Global Movement for Myanmar Democracy (GM4MD)
75. Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP)
76. Houston Kachin Community, TX
77. Human Rights Foundation of Monland
78. Human Rights Research and Education Centre, University of Ottawa
79. Info Birmanie
80. Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID)
81. Inter Pares
82. International Campaign for the Rohingya
83. International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)
84. International Karen Organisation
85. International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
86. Iowa Kachin Community, IA
87. Kachin American Community (Portland – Vancouver)
88. Kachin Community of Indiana, IN
89. Kachin Community of USA
90. Kachin Women’s Association Thailand
91. Kansas Karenni Community, KS
92. Karen American Association of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
93. Karen Association of Huron, SD
94. Karen Community Association UK
95. Karen Community in Syracuse, NY
96. Karen Community in the Netherlands
97. Karen Community of Akron, OH
98. Karen Community of America
99. Karen Community of Canada (KCC)
100. Karen Community of Czech Republic
101. Karen Community of Finland
102. Karen Community of Hamilton
103. Karen Community of Iowa, IA
104. Karen Community of Ireland
105. Karen Community of Israel
106. Karen Community of Kansas City, KS & MO
107. Karen Community of Kitchener & Waterloo
108. Karen Community of Leamington
109. Karen Community of Lethbridge
110. Karen Community of London
111. Karen Community of Louisville, KY
112. Karen Community of Minnesota, MN

113. Karen Community of North Carolina, NC
114. Karen Community of Ottawa
115. Karen Community of Regina
116. Karen Community of Rochester, Rochester, NY
117. Karen Community of Saskatoon
118. Karen Community of Thunderbay
119. Karen Community of Toronto
120. Karen Community of Windsor
121. Karen Community of Winnipeg
122. Karen Community Society of British Columbia (KCSBC)
123. Karen Environmental and Social Action Network (KESAN)
124. Karen Finland Culture Association
125. Karen Human Rights Group
126. Karen Organization of Illinois, IL
127. Karen Peace Support Network
128. Karen Society of Nebraska
129. Karen Society of Nebraska, NE
130. Karen Swedish Community (KSC)
131. Karen Thai Group
132. Karen Women's Organization
133. Karen Youth Education Pathways
134. Karen Youth Networks
135. Karen Youth of Norway
136. Karen Youth of Toronto
137. Karen Youth Organization
138. Karen Youth UK (KYUK)
139. Karenni Baptist Association in Finland
140. Karenni Baptist Convention of America
141. Karenni Civil Society Network
142. Karenni Community of Amarillo, TX
143. Karenni Community of Arizona, AZ
144. Karenni Community of Arkansas, AK
145. Karenni Community of Austin, TX
146. Karenni Community of Bowling Green, KY
147. Karenni Community of Buffalo, NY
148. Karenni Community of Chicago, IL
149. Karenni Community of Colorado, CO
150. Karenni Community of Connecticut, CT
151. Karenni Community of Dallas, TX
152. Karenni Community of Des Moines, IA
153. Karenni Community of Florida, FL
154. Karenni Community of Fort Wayne, IN
155. Karenni Community of Fort Worth, TX
156. Karenni Community of Georgia, GA

157. Karenni Community of Grand Rapid, MI
158. Karenni Community of Houston, TX
159. Karenni Community of Idaho, ID
160. Karenni Community of Indianapolis, IN
161. Karenni Community of Lansing, MI
162. Karenni Community of Louisville, KY
163. Karenni Community of Massachusetts, MA
164. Karenni Community of Minnesota, MN
165. Karenni Community of Missouri, MO
166. Karenni Community of New Jersey, NJ
167. Karenni Community of North Carolina, NC
168. Karenni Community of Portland, OR
169. Karenni Community of Rockford, IL
170. Karenni Community of San Antonio, TX
171. Karenni Community of Sioux Falls, SD
172. Karenni Community of Utica, NY
173. Karenni Community of Washington, WI
174. Karenni Community of Wisconsin, WI
175. Karenni Education Department (KnED)
176. Karenni Evergreen (KEG)
177. Karenni Federation of Australia
178. Karenni Health Department (KnHD)
179. Karenni Human Rights Group
180. Karenni Legal and Human Rights Center (KnLHRC)
181. Karenni Literacy and Culture Development Committee (KLCDC)
182. Karenni National Society (KNS-Japan)
183. Karenni National Women's Organization
184. Karenni National Youth Organization (KNYO)
185. Karenni Refugee Committee (KnRC)
186. Karenni Social Welfare and Development Centre (KSWDC)
187. Karenni Society Finland RY
188. Karenni Society of Canada
189. Karenni Society of New Zealand
190. Karenni Society of Omaha, NE
191. Karenni Student Union (KSU)
192. Karenni Talkshow-KTS, USA
193. Karenni Youth of Minnesota, MN
194. Karenni-American Association
195. Karenni-American Catholic Association
196. Kayah State Student Union (KSSU)
197. Kayahlilaykloe, Austin, TX
198. Kayahliphu Youth – KLY
199. Kayan New Generation Youth (KNGY)
200. Kayan Women Organization (KyWO)

201. Keng Tung Youth
202. Kentucky Kachin Community, KY
203. KnA-Kay Phoe Du Program
204. Korea Karen Organization
205. Korea Karen Youth Organization
206. Korean House for International Solidarity
207. Korean Solidarity for Overseas Community Organization
208. La Communauté Birmane de France
209. LA Rohingya Association/America Rohingya Justice Network
210. Louisiana Kachin Community, LO
211. Maryland Kachin Community, MD
212. Mekong Watch
213. Metta Campaign Mandalay
214. Michigan Kachin Community, MI
215. MiningWatch Canada
216. Minnesota Kachin Community, MN
217. Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies
218. MY STORY Photo Project Association
219. Myanmar Accountability Project
220. Myanmar Advocacy Coalition
221. Myanmar Democratic Force in Denmark
222. Myanmar Engineers - New Zealand
223. Myanmar Family Community Ireland (MFCI)
224. Myanmar Gonye (New Zealand)
225. Myanmar People Alliance (Shan State)
226. Myanmar Students' Union in New Zealand
227. Nationalities Alliance of Burma USA
228. Network for Advocacy Action (Tanintharyi)
229. Network for Human Rights Documentation-Burma (ND-Burma)
230. Never Again Coalition
231. New York Kachin Community, NY
232. New Zealand Doctors for NUG
233. New Zealand Karen Association
234. New Zealand Zo Community Inc.
235. Nguyen Van Ly Foundation
236. No Business With Genocide
237. North Carolina Kachin Community, NC
238. Norwegian Helsinki Committee (NHC)
239. Nyan Lynn Thit Analytica
240. Olive Organization
241. Omaha Kachin Community, NE
242. Organization Of Karenni Development Malaysia
243. Oversea Karen Organization Japan
244. Overseas Mon Association-New Zealand

245. Pennsylvania Kachin Community, PA
246. People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD)
247. Physicians for Human Rights (PHR)
248. Progressive Voice
249. Pyithu Gonye (New Zealand)
250. Refugees International
251. Rochester Karenni Community, NY
252. Rohingya Action Ireland
253. Rohingya Centre of Canada
254. Rohingya Refugee Network (RRN)
255. Rvwang Community Association New Zealand
256. Save and Care Organization for Ethnic Women at Border Areas
257. Save Myanmar Fundraising Group (New Zealand)
258. Save the Children
259. Shan Community (New Zealand)
260. Shan MATA
261. Sisters 2 Sisters
262. South Carolina Kachin Community, SC
263. Southern Youth Development Organization
264. Stefanus Alliance International
265. Students for Free Burma
266. Support the Democracy Movement in Burma
267. Swedish Burma Committee
268. Synergy – Social Harmony Organization
269. Ta'ang Women's Organization
270. Ta'ang Legal Aid
271. Tanitharyi Women Network
272. Tennessee Kachin Community, TN
273. Thint Myat Lo Thu Myar
274. U.S. Advocacy Coalition for Myanmar (USACM)
275. U.S. Campaign for Burma
276. Union of Karenni State Youth
277. Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
278. Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights, University of Cincinnati College of Law
279. Utica Karen Community, NY
280. Vietnam Coalition Against Torture
281. Virginia Kachin Community, VA
282. Washington Kachin Community, WA
283. West Virginia Kachin Community, WV
284. Women for Women Foundation (Karenni State)
285. Women's League of Burma
286. Women's Peace Network