

STATEMENT

The 6th Ethnic Nationalities Conference

9-11 June 2011

Thai-Burmese border

- 1) The 6th Conference of Ethnic Nationalities was successfully held on the Thai-Burmese border from 9-11 June, 2011 in which representatives from the seven States, advisors and special invitees, altogether 40 persons participated.
- 2) The Ethnic Nationalities Council (ENC) welcomes the formation of the United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC) and its resolve to solve political problems through political means.
- 3) The ENC welcomes the efforts of the Shan State Army (North) and the Shan State Army (South) to merge into a single Shan State Army and their resolve to protect the people of Shan State.
- 4) The ENC welcomes the intention of the All Mon Regions Democracy Party, Chin National Party, Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party, Rakhine National Development Party and the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, to introduce legislation to teach local ethnic languages in government schools.
- 5) The ENC welcomes the desire of President U Thein Sein to build trust with the ethnic nationalities and national unity through a *"Pyidaungsu spirit"*.
- 6) The ENC in the interest of the nation calls on President U Thein Sein to stop military operations against ethnic nationalities forces and instead proclaim a nation-wide ceasefire and peace talks.
- 7) The ENC reaffirms its commitment to strive to build a democratic and genuine *Pyidaungsu* where the constituent states are equal in political status and practice the right of internal self-determination in conformity with the spirit of Panglong .
- 8) The ENC further reaffirms its determination to seek a political solution to the problem of national unity in order to build a peaceful, prosperous, modern and developed nation.
- 9) The conference elected Padoh Saw Kwe Htoo Win as Chair; and Dr Sui Khar as Secretary-General, and Nai Kasauh Mon as Deputy Secretary-General.

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