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ENC Statement on the “Open Letter” of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

- (1) The Ethnic Nationalities Council (ENC) welcomes the open letter from Daw Aung San Suu Kyi dated 28th July 2011 – which was jointly addressed to the President of the Union of Burma U Thein Sein, as well as the Kachin Independence Organization (KIO), Karen National Union (KNU), the New Mon State Party (NMSP) and the Shan State Army (SSA) – where she offered assistance towards efforts to put an immediate end to armed hostilities and peaceful resolution of the nation’s conflicts.
- (2) The inhabitants of today’s Union of Burma have, through ages, co-existed side by side. It is only fitting that the people of the Union seek a solution to the conflicts with mutual understanding, friendship and trust through a “Tripartite Dialogue.”
- (3) To build sustainable peace in the country, it is incumbent upon the present Government to initiate dialogue that involves all the ethnic groups and the democratic forces with the view of solving the political problems through political means. It is only through this approach that mutual trust can be built and lasting internal peace restored in the country.
- (4) The ENC has firm faith in the ability and personal role of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in helping to secure a nation-wide cease-fire, as well as re-solidifying the foundation for future national unity in the Union.
- (5) The ENC therefore demands that the present Government step up to leadership to secure an immediate nation-wide cease-fire and initiate a national dialogue aimed at establishing a genuine federal union and meaningful political reforms.

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