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**Statement on the Chair's Statement of the 48th ASEAN Summit and the
Implementation of the Five-Point Consensus**

1. The National Unity Government (NUG) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar takes note of the Chair's Statement of the 48th ASEAN Summit, convened on 8 May 2026 in Cebu, Philippines, under the chairmanship of the Republic of the Philippines. We acknowledge the Summit's reaffirmation of the theme "Navigating Our Future, Together," and underscore that for this vision to be fully realised, the peoples of Myanmar must not be left behind in ASEAN's collective journey toward peace, stability, and inclusive development.
2. The NUG welcomes the Summit's expression of deep concern over the continued escalation of conflict and the humanitarian situation in Myanmar, and its denunciation of acts of violence against civilians. We echo the Summit's reaffirmation that the Five-Point Consensus (5PC) remains the primary reference framework for addressing the political crisis, and we reiterate our continued commitment to its full and genuine implementation.
3. The NUG welcomes the Summit's call for all parties to immediately halt indiscriminate violence and exercise utmost restraint. However, words of condemnation must be matched by concrete mechanisms for accountability. We urge ASEAN to establish clear, time-bound benchmarks for the cessation of airstrikes, artillery attacks, and other indiscriminate violence against civilian populations and civilian infrastructure. Without such mechanisms, the call for civilian protection remains aspirational rather than operational.
4. The NUG notes the Summit's acknowledgement of the conclusion of the military junta's unilateral election exercises. We firmly reiterate that any electoral process conducted amid ongoing conflict, without the release of all political prisoners, and absent an inclusive political environment, lacks democratic legitimacy and popular mandate. ASEAN's own principles require political processes to be inclusive and credible, and we therefore urge ASEAN not to lend recognition to processes that fail to meet these standards.

5. The NUG acknowledges and appreciates the AHA Centre's continued delivery of humanitarian assistance under Phase 2 of the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Programme to implement Point 4 of the 5PC. We welcome the Summit's call for all relevant parties to facilitate safe, transparent, inclusive, and non-discriminatory delivery of humanitarian aid. We reiterate, however, that effective and principled humanitarian assistance must be coordinated with the NUG and Ethnic Revolutionary Organizations (EROs), who administer significant portions of the country's territory and population. Any assistance channelled exclusively through military-controlled mechanisms risks politicisation and falls short of the humanitarian principles of neutrality and impartiality.

6. The NUG commends the dedicated efforts of H.E. Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro, the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar, and welcomes her broad engagement with a diverse range of Myanmar stakeholders. We support the ongoing deliberations on the Terms of Reference for a long-term ASEAN Special Envoy on Myanmar and strongly urge that any such mandate explicitly include formal, structured engagement with the NUG and EROs as legitimate stakeholders in any political process.

7. While the NUG acknowledges ASEAN's note of the release of certain political prisoners, such measures remain wholly insufficient. Reports concerning the release of President U Win Myint and the relocation of State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi also remain unclear and unverified. Meanwhile, thousands of political prisoners continue to be arbitrarily detained. Their immediate and unconditional release is essential to any credible and inclusive political dialogue.

8. The NUG takes note of the Summit's broader agenda, including its commitment to ASEAN Community-building, digital transformation, sustainable development, and inclusive growth. We reaffirm our aspiration for a federal and democratic Myanmar to contribute fully and meaningfully to these regional endeavours. A peaceful and stable Myanmar is not only in the interests of the Myanmar people but is fundamental to the security, cohesion, and prosperity of the entire ASEAN region.

9. The National Unity Government remains steadfast in its commitment to a peaceful, federal, and democratic Myanmar, and stands ready to engage constructively with the ASEAN Chair, the ASEAN Troika, the Special Envoy, and all relevant partners to advance our shared objectives of regional stability, humanitarian relief, and the dignity of the people of Myanmar.

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