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Statement Regarding Informal Meeting between ASEAN and the Myanmar Military Junta

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The National Unity Government (NUG) has taken note of today's informal engagement in Bangkok between the Royal Thai Government, acting in its capacity as the host country, and representatives of the Myanmar military junta.

As Myanmar's immediate neighbour, Thailand has legitimate national interests relating to border security, cross-border trade, humanitarian concerns, transnational crime, environmental management, and regional stability. It is therefore both natural and understandable that Thailand would undertake bilateral discussions on matters directly affecting those interests. Such engagement should be understood as an exercise of host-country diplomacy and bilateral relations.

At the same time, bilateral engagement by an individual ASEAN Member State should not be interpreted as a change in ASEAN's collective position on Myanmar. ASEAN's agreed framework remains the Five-Point Consensus, which calls for the immediate cessation of violence, constructive dialogue among all parties concerned, humanitarian assistance, and the Special Envoy's engagement with all relevant stakeholders.

The central challenge facing ASEAN today is not the absence of diplomatic engagement. It is the military junta's continued refusal to implement the commitments it accepted under the Five-Point Consensus. More than five years after its adoption, violence against civilians continues unabated, indiscriminate airstrikes persist, humanitarian access remains severely restricted, and meaningful political dialogue has yet to begin.

Equally important, sustainable peace requires that all relevant stakeholders be engaged in a balanced, coherent, and genuinely inclusive manner. While ASEAN and its Member States have engaged with a range of stakeholders, including the National Unity Government (NUG), the Steering Council for the Emergence of a Federal Democratic Union (SCEF), ethnic revolutionary organizations, and other democratic forces, such engagement has too often occurred separately and without equal political weight or a coherent framework.

This risks creating an uneven process that the military junta can exploit through divide-and-rule tactics, rather than fostering the trust and confidence necessary for genuine political dialogue. Sustainable peace cannot emerge from fragmented engagement or parallel tracks that treat stakeholders unequally. It requires a coordinated political process that reflects the realities on the ground and recognizes all relevant stakeholders as essential partners in Myanmar's future.

ASEAN's credibility will ultimately be judged not by the number of meetings it convenes, but by whether its collective commitments are implemented and translated into measurable results.

Engagement alone cannot be the benchmark of success. The true measure is whether violence is reduced, humanitarian access is expanded, and an inclusive political process is advanced.

The National Unity Government remains committed to working constructively with ASEAN, Thailand, and all regional partners to support a peaceful, inclusive, and durable political solution. We respectfully encourage ASEAN to ensure that its future engagement is not only inclusive in principle but also balanced in practice. Equal, coherent, and coordinated engagement with all relevant stakeholders will strengthen ASEAN's unity and credibility, reduce opportunities for divide-and-rule tactics, and create a more credible pathway towards a peaceful, democratic, and federal future for Myanmar.

The people of Myanmar have consistently demonstrated that the country's future cannot be determined by the military junta alone. Lasting peace will only be achieved through an inclusive political process that faithfully implements ASEAN's own commitments under the Five-Point Consensus and reflects the political realities on the ground. Only such an approach can restore confidence in ASEAN's leadership and contribute to lasting peace, stability, and security in Myanmar and the wider region.

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