



BURMA SUMMIT 2022

JUSTICE STATEMENT

Prior to and after the February 2021 coup, thousands of ethnic people throughout Burma continue to be the target of military campaigns designed to kill or remove groups from Burma completely. These policies have led and continue to lead to the commission of genocide and crimes against humanity. Ethnic groups have been and continue to be subjected to widespread threat and use of sexual violence, human trafficking, forced labor, arbitrary arrests, torture, killing, extortion, looting, burning of entire villages, and use of human shields. They continue to be living witnesses to the destruction of their cultural heritage. The actions by the military have led to more than one million being forcibly displaced from their homes and territories. Many people have had to also seek refuge in nearby areas or other countries to avoid death. No one in Burma, including children, have been safe from the unprecedented violence that continues to unfold as a result of the military's ruthless campaigns, which after the coup include aerial bombings on innocent civilians. Arbitrary executions and the imposition of the death penalty as a sentence has been increasingly used to silence critics who oppose the junta's campaign of terror.

We are deeply saddened by the fact that the international community ignores the perpetration of international crimes and takes no effective action, therefore the parties at the Burma Summit hereby *request the following:*

- (1) Call for an immediate end to all forms of violence perpetrated by the military junta against all civilians, including against all ethnic groups.
- (2) The creation of an international Truth and Clarification Commission to have a holistic record and understanding of what has happened in Burma since the creation of the country as a state.
- (3) The exercise of universal jurisdiction to bring all perpetrators of crimes against the ethnic groups of Burma to justice for international crimes.

- (4) Increase in support for the continued investigation by the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ), to hold the Myanmar security forces accountable for atrocities committed against the people of Burma.
- (5) Material investment in local justice systems, including those already established by ethnic groups, throughout Burma so justice systems can operate in a manner that is accessible to local people. This includes cases brought in their own languages and based on the rule of law.
- (6) Continued support of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar.
- (7) That all States uphold their commitment to the pursuit of justice in Burma, in line with their international commitments, and to avoid the appearance of complicity in mass atrocities which are perpetrated.

THE PARTIES AT THE BURMA SUMMIT, HELD IN BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND ON THIS DATE OCTOBER 12, 2022, DECLARE THE ABOVE TO BE WORTHY OF CONTINUED DISCUSSION AND ADVOCATE THAT THESE ACTIONS TAKE PLACE TO PROMOTE JUSTICE AND END IMPUNITY.

