



## BURMA SUMMIT 2022

### SECURITY STATEMENT

Since the February 2021 coup, ethnic groups throughout Burma have faced significant threats to their personal safety and wellbeing. The Myanmar military and related entities have forcefully stopped any peaceful protests or free speech against the coup. In the wake of COVID 19, while governments around the world tried to stop the spread of the virus, the military junta weaponized the virus against those people who did not align with the coup. International humanitarian aid has been stopped from reaching the people of Burma.

The junta's actions result in the displacement of more than one million people who flee from violence. This violence includes and is not limited to aerial bombings, airstrikes, burning of villages and places of worship, the use of human shields, rape and sexual violence of civilians, arbitrary arrest and torture of political opponents, protestors, and civilians. The military junta's scorched earth tactics, in addition to the overexploitation of land resources, has caused starvation among many different ethnic groups throughout the country. The ongoing armed conflict causes mental and physical insecurity. Civilians especially villagers, in ethnic areas, have to live in fear everyday due to the ongoing fighting and indiscriminate airstrikes into civilian areas on a daily basis, which are life threatening. Their rights to access their farms and plantations, and secure their livelihoods, continues to be heavily violated because of the insecurity caused by the military offensives.

Leaders of human rights organizations, human rights defenders, women human rights defenders, and journalists are under significant threat as many are arbitrarily detained, tortured, and executed. Children are unable to live in safety and are fearful, are forced to flee their homes and are separated from their families or lose their loved ones to violence. Security issues have ripped a hole in the fabric of societies throughout Burma.

Given the unfolding security situation in Burma, the parties at the Burma Summit hereby *request*:

- (1) That the international community demand the release of all those who are arbitrarily detained and demand a stop arbitrary execution and the imposition of the death penalty.
- (2) The imposition of an international arms embargo on the Myanmar military and any related military apparatus in Myanmar.
- (3) The imposition of sanctions on aviation fuel to Myanmar.
- (4) The imposition of sanctions on countries that sell to and buy arms from the Myanmar junta.
- (5) That the UN Security Council impose a no-fly zone in Myanmar due to the ongoing atrocities committed against innocent civilian populations.
- (6) That the international community increase aid to countries who receive and protect refugees who are fleeing from Burma as a result of the violence.
- (7) Increase support for local humanitarian efforts in partnership with local recognized leaders, to allow for the delivery of food and other essential aid directly so that all aid reaches local communities directly.

THE PARTIES AT THE BURMA SUMMIT, HELD IN BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND, ON THIS DATE OCTOBER 11, 2022, DECLARE THE ABOVE TO BE WORTHY OF CONTINUED DISCUSSION AND ADVOCATE THAT THESE ACTIONS TAKE PLACE TO PROMOTE THE SECURITY AND PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF BURMA.

