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H.E. Dr. Sasa's Address to the Parliamentarians of French Republic**

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Bonjour!

Dear Mr. Chairman and respected members of the French National Assembly, members of the France Parliament, on behalf of myself and on the behalf of the people of Myanmar, I wanted to say thank you to you for giving me this opportunity to represent the people of Myanmar. The brave people and the National Unity Government of Myanmar greatly appreciate the People, Parliament and Government of the French Republic for standing with us at this critical moment in our history. This is the darkest of hours and the most pivotal moment in the history of Myanmar. While the fate and future of Myanmar hangs in the balance, the strong and continued support from the people, Parliamentarians, and Government of France and its international alliance are absolutely crucial in stopping this reign of terror. More so than ever, the 54 million courageous citizens of Myanmar need the continued strong friendship, coordinated support and recognition from the people, Parliamentarians and Government of France in fulfilling the hopes, aspirations, and dreams of those who have suffered so much for far too long under the hands of the brutal and cruel military generals and their regime.

Thank you for being a strong voice for the people of Myanmar, for your leadership in the EU, thank you for your leadership in the UN, thank you for your leadership in the G7 on behalf of the people of Myanmar, and for the recognition of CRPH and NUG as representing the voices of the people of Myanmar. Further, thank you for joining countries that have imposed an arms embargo in solidarity against the cruel and ruthless military junta in Myanmar.

The duty of a nation's military is to defend and protect its people. However, under the command of Junta leader Min Aung Hlaing, the supposed guardians of our nation are doing precisely the opposite of their duty and continue arbitrarily murdering and

detaining the brave and innocent civilians of Myanmar without cause. The people of Myanmar unanimously consider Min Aung Hlaing and those who report to him as terrorists and perpetrators of crimes against humanity. It has been over 4 months since Min Aung Hlaing, and his gunmen instigated this violent and illegal coup d'état and took the nation hostage.

Since the 1st of February 2021: at least 900 innocent civilians have been murdered by the junta, including at least 72 children, an exact number will never truly be known. More than 6,200 innocent civilians have been arrested by the junta, and over 2,100 are evading arrest warrants. I have been charged with high treason by these military generals, a dry irony as they are the ones committing high treason against the people of Myanmar themselves. The military junta in Myanmar continues using the ASEAN Summit and ASEAN's five points as a propaganda tool while the junta forces make daily raids on private homes in villages, towns, and cities across the nation. They torture and commit cold-blooded murder of innocent civilians. They abolish free media outlets in the vain attempt to stop the truth from getting out. They harass and imprison journalists; it should be noted that more than 40 journalists remain behind the junta's cruel prison bars.

The violence we are seeing by the junta is both systematic and viral. It is clear that they are engaging in crimes against humanity by using heavy battlefield weapons against unarmed civilians. They have been purchasing these weapons from China and Russia, among other countries by using the stolen wealth of the people and country of Myanmar. As a result, Myanmar is now quickly becoming a failed state: Food insecurity is rising sharply, while both pillars of health care and economy are collapsing.

According to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), 1.2 million civilians being displaced by the violence caused by the military junta's reign of terror. There is nothing normal about our 1.2 million innocent civilians in Myanmar being forced to flee their homes due to this oppressive military junta. The United Nations Development Programs (UNDP) is predicting that over half of the population of Myanmar (approximately 27 million people) will be living in poverty within a year. There is nothing normal about 27 million innocent civilians in Myanmar facing poverty. The United Nations World Food Programs (WFP) predicting that more than 6.4 million people in Myanmar are going to face starvation by the end of October of this year. There is nothing normal about 6.4 million innocent civilians dying from starvation and thirst. It will be heart breaking to count the number of deaths caused by not only the deepening crisis of violence, but also by the tragedy of poverty and hunger that has begun directly in relation to the actions of this junta.

We, the sovereign citizens of Myanmar, are doing all that we can to prevent these great tragedies of civil war, genocide, criminal atrocities, poverty, and hunger by courageously and peacefully resisting the junta's efforts to cause us maximum pain, suffering, death, and destruction. They continue trying to take away our freedom and democracy with their blood-stained battlefield weapons. The peaceful Civil Disobedience Movements (CDM) led by dauntless medical and health workers,

schoolteachers, students, activists, and joined by hundreds of thousands of civil servants and private sector workers continues unabated. Make no mistake, this is the most powerful peaceful movement ever to rise against a military junta. Day after day the defenseless people of Myanmar march across the nation and continue to demonstrate enormous valiancy in the face of the murderous and oppressive military dictators.

The citizens of Myanmar have initiated strong domestic sanctions against the junta through this peaceful movement of CDM, strikes and other acts of civil disobedience. We are boycotting junta produced goods, and a large percentage of civil servants are refusing to support the junta's work. The sanctions that have been imposed thus far by France and the International Community have been a helpful start to supporting, showing a strong support for both our domestic efforts and the will of the people. However, greater help and support from the people, Parliament and Government of France and its allies from the international community is of vital importance.

We have three core requests to present to the People, Parliament and Government of France and its allies from around the world:

- 1) Engage with the National Unity Government as the **sole legitimate representative** of the people of Myanmar. We are comprised of leaders elected in Myanmar's democratic November elections as well as leaders of ethnic states and regions. The people of Myanmar recognize us as the sole legitimate government and our hope is that you will also work with us as the sole legitimate government of Myanmar as well.
- 2) Help us address a growing Humanitarian Crisis. We need aid. The National Unity Government knows how to get aid to where it needs to go. A humanitarian crisis is growing due to conflict and the spread of COVID-19, vaccines so far have been held by the military and distributed first to them and their family. Myanmar's economy is in collapse and millions are already, or at risk of being, without water, food, sanitation, shelter, and medicine. In the short term, we need aid for; (1) FOOD SECURITY (2) HEALTH AND, (3) SHELTER, but in the longer term we need aid also for (4) EDUCATION.
- 3) Help us put more financial pressure on the junta. It is critical for the nations of the world who stand with us to band together in a coordinated campaign of further sanctions that would cut the flow of revenue to this murderous regime. We are respectfully requesting that the Government of France ensure that no funds from any entity under the control of France, whether public or private, be allowed to continue to be transferred to the Junta, its business entities, leaders, or their families. The largest source of revenue to the junta, the oil and gas sector, remains largely unscathed by the international community. Coordinated and targeted sanctions and legislation would make a clear legal obligation for companies to stop the flow of this revenue to the junta. We implore the Government of France to implement sanctions as soon as possible, which would help stop funding from

Total Energies to the junta completely. We must not continue to allow this illegal junta to spend the wealth of the people of Myanmar in murdering the people of Myanmar. Therefore, the Government of France and the International Community must continue to place sanctions against Myanmar Oil and Gas and all state-owned enterprises, including the transfer of dual use technology, and impose an international arms embargo and a strict no-fly-zone above the territory of Myanmar by whatever means necessary. These measures are critically vital to prevent civil war and another genocide in Myanmar.

Our National Unity Government Myanmar, the legitimate and democratically elected government of Myanmar, is ready, willing, and able to help in all these coordinated efforts. This is the first time in the history of Myanmar that there has been a National Unity Government with the full support of the people. We need the endorsement, recognition, acknowledgement and engagement from the Government of France and the free countries and leaders from around the world who believe in freedom, justice, and democracy. This is the first time in our history that elected members of Parliament, Political Parties, Ethnic Leaders, Ethnic Armed Organizations, and grass roots Civil Society Organizations have come together as one united people to oppose the common enemy. This is the greatest opportunity of the century. We must seize upon this window of opportunity and put an end to this wicked, illegitimate regime, and begin afresh with a transparent Federal Democratic Union of Myanmar. This mandate I have from the will of the people is:

- **Building of a Federal Democratic Union of Myanmar** where both Federal States and Federal Union Governments are by the people and for the people, and where the rights of ALL regardless of Race, Gender, Culture, Ethnicity, Background, and Religion are equally respected, protected and promoted. A place where power and resource sharing will be based on the principles of equality and self-determination, and where the three branches of Parliament, Judiciary and Executive will function independently.
- **Total eradication of military dictatorship and the current genocidal military** which has become a cancer to the nation and the people of Myanmar, and to replace it with an ethical and inclusive armed force that belong to the people of Myanmar and is led by the civilian government.
- **Complete nullification of the 2008 constitution created by the junta and for the junta, and repealing and replacing discriminative laws, such as the 1982 citizenship law**, with new laws and a federal constitution for the people of Myanmar. This will be done in an inclusive manner and only with the consensus of ALL of our people. A constitutional convention and referendum will be held on the permanent draft constitution which will belong to the people of Myanmar for generations to come.

The only way to peace, prosperity and stability in Myanmar and the region is the eradication of military dictatorships in Myanmar and building of federal democratic Union of Myanmar for ALL the people of Myanmar.

I am very proud of the courageous people of Myanmar who are on the front lines of this movement to liberate our nation from a brutal military regime, and for their bravery and their commitment to human rights, a Federal Democracy and Freedom for ALL the people of Myanmar.

Mark my words: we, the opposition to the illegal junta, will win in our struggle to liberate Myanmar from the brutal military junta. At the end of this we will emerge as an inclusive Myanmar that is committed to Democracy, Human Rights, and to being a responsible partner in the Global Community. With the help of the People, Parliament and Government of France, our vision and our dream will become a powerful reality and will bear testimony to our strong friendship and unyielding gratefulness.

Merci!

Sincerely,

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