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**Myanmar's Representation at the 38th and 39th ASEAN Summits and
Related Summits in October 2021.
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The National Unity Government (NUG) of Myanmar appreciates the decision during the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting on October 15, 2021, to invite a non-political representative from Myanmar to the 38th and 39th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits scheduled to take place on October 26-28, 2021.

We welcome ASEAN's recognition of the Military Junta's insufficient progress in implementing the Five-Point Consensus, particularly the Junta leadership's lack of commitment to allowing the ASEAN envoy to engage all concerned parties. We realize this is an unprecedented and positive step by ASEAN for the people of Myanmar. Since its illegal seizure of power on February 1, the Junta has continued to take advantage of the ASEAN principles to prevent meaningful engagement to resolve the current political crisis while attempting to consolidate control of the country by force and violence. The Junta has betrayed not only its own people but also the leadership of the ASEAN.

In line with the ASEAN's decision for Myanmar's non-political representation at the upcoming summits, the NUG wishes to convey the following:

1. We urge the ASEAN to prevent not only the participation of SAC officials but also any individuals and organizations associated with them. ASEAN must ensure the Myanmar representative could objectively represent the interest of Myanmar and its people.
2. We stand ready to provide recommendations for non-political representative for ASEAN's evaluation and consideration.

We continue to take our membership of ASEAN seriously and with the utmost respect. The NUG has consistently reiterated its commitment to engage and cooperate with the ASEAN in finding solution bring democracy and stability back in the country so Myanmar can be a constructive partner in the region.