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**Statement on the call of CSOs demanding UN agencies
to cease cooperation with Military Junta**

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On December 10, 255 civil society organizations all over the world demand United Nations (UN) agencies, Funds, Programmes, and other Entities to cease all forms of cooperation that lend legitimacy to the illegal murderous Myanmar military junta. This includes signing Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) and inviting junta representatives to meetings as the junta continues to callously inflict immense suffering on the people of Myanmar and deepen an already catastrophic human rights and humanitarian crisis.

Their call is consistent with the position statement of our Ministry dated June 19, 2021 to ensure that humanitarian work does not in practice serve the harmful interests of the junta. Cooperating in any form with the junta not only contradicts UN agencies' obligations to neutrality and upholding human rights, but it is a misguided approach to assisting the people of Myanmar. Moreover, Myanmar people are consistently oppressing any cooperative approaches of UN agencies and International Organizations with murderous military regime.

The Myanmar military junta has already been designated as a terrorist organization under Myanmar's national law by the duly elected National Unity Government (NUG). Though the military junta already waged war against unarmed innocent Myanmar civilians since February, no serious and effective action has since been taken against by any international mechanism. As of 13 December 2021, at least 1329 protesters and bystanders, of which at least 44 were children, have been killed by military or police forces and at least 7,988 people detained.

ASEAN efforts to implement the five-point consensus on Myanmar agreed in April at a special emergency summit in Jakarta have not had significant positive impacts and in fact, resulting failure to address escalating violence and human rights abuses by the military junta. As evidenced, the crisis in Myanmar could further turn into a regional and global public health and security risk. The decision taken by foreign ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) at an emergency

meeting on 16 October 2021 alarmed the world that “The situation in Myanmar has an impact on regional security”.

On November 10, the UN Security Council issued a [statement](#) on Myanmar calling for “full, safe and unhindered humanitarian access to all people in need, and for the full protection, safety and security of humanitarian and medical personnel.” However, the junta’s interference in relief operations has disregarded calls for unhindered aid delivery by the UN General Assembly, Human Rights Council, and Security Council, the European Parliament, and donor governments. Human Rights Watch announced that humanitarian aid blockages in Myanmar is now in [critical condition](#).

The participation of military in peace building and national reconciliation processes under the supervision of civilian government already came to an end by committing high treason and sedition since 1 February. Military junta is no longer an eligible peace stakeholder, but the criminals. The commitments and MoU made by military junta will be considered illegitimate by NUG, the one and only truly representative government of people of Myanmar.

We, Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management, NUG, do hereby reaffirm that all international cooperation and collaboration regarding humanitarian assistance should be done through responsible NUG channels in which legitimacy and accountability are guaranteed, compliance with international standards and universal humanitarian principles. Any effort and contribution to restore peace, justice and democracy in Myanmar must be in accordance with NUG’s obligations under international human rights and humanitarian law.

*“A human rights offender, a terrorist group is NOT
a trusted, reliable, and responsible partner for humanitarian aid.”*