



## COMMITTEE REPRESENTING PYIDAUNGSU HLUTTAW

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### **Statement by Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Myanmar on the International Day of Democracy 2022**

1. On every September 15 of a year, the global community widely observes the International Day of Democracy with the purposes to uphold and protect the democratic principles in many ways. Today marks the 25<sup>th</sup> years anniversary of Universal Declaration on Democracy by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). However, misusing of weapons and power including global pandemic have significantly impacted a great risk to democracy norms and practices such as freedom, freedom of expression, assembly, right to access information, justice, rule of law and human rights.
2. Although Myanmar's people have sacrificed to uphold democratic system in the country, the military regimes in decades prohibited the citizens from embracing democratic norms. In 2015, the very first elected civilian government led by Myanmar Democracy Leader, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was emerged by inclusive efforts of our people through election. However, developed democracy gains have been destroyed due to military putsch by the brutal military of Min Aung Hlaing, a leader of terrorist group.
3. We, the elected representatives and the people, are continuing our fighting against the military to return democracy back in the country even facing various tortures such as unlawful detentions, cruel murders without any reasons, and forcing to flee from our own places. Until now the military terrorist has killed over (2279) and the number of detained people is now over (12430) while thousands of people in Myanmar are displaced because of burning homes and villages, and launching massive air-strikes on the Citizen' areas.
4. The international community should support practically and effectively the governments, organizations and individuals who are making efforts to flourish democracy and to work for human rights in the world. At the same time, the undemocratic regimes should be punished with strongest actions. It is the time to show your solidarity by the effective actions but not the words and with the people

of Myanmar, the democratic institutions and democracy activists who are badly suffering serious and heinous human rights violations by the military junta.

5. On other side, the military junta which is not a legal government is creating an old story of lying for global community as promising to hold a fair, free and transparent election. There will be no rights to freely vote and elect, and with no independent media accesses. According to the facts in history, it should notice that the military regimes systematically destroyed democratic system and killed the people who passionate democracy. Therefore, the arrangement of fake election of regime must not be recognized.
6. The Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is the legitimate representative body which was organized by the democratically elected parliamentarians by its people. It is the legislative body of the union exercising people's mandate and is performing the legislating, overseeing the government's administration and supporting the people in need.
7. Here, in order to take preventive measures on Myanmar's democracy under dangerous condition, we strongly and deeply urge international governments, parliaments, organizations and individuals including the United Nations Security Council to carefully listen the voices of the citizens of Myanmar and then, to officially recognize and engage with us, the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the National Unity Government we formed by the effective supports in time in order to restore democracy, stability and development in Myanmar.



**The Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw**