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### ASEAN SPECIAL MINISTERIAL MEETING ON MYANMAR IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA, 27 OCTOBER 2022

ASEAN Foreign Ministers convened a Special Meeting on Thursday, 27 October 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia, to discuss the way forward on ASEAN's efforts to address the situation in Myanmar, namely with regard to the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus. YB Dato' Sri Saifuddin Abdullah, Minister of Foreign Affairs, was represented by His Excellency Norman Mohamad, Deputy Secretary-General for Bilateral Affairs of the Ministry.

In this Special Meeting, Malaysia reiterated its position that ASEAN needs to have a Framework, to facilitate the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus, with a clear endgame for a Myanmar that is democratic, inclusive and just, peaceful and harmonious, as well as prosperous where civil and political rights are guaranteed by the Constitution. A transition plan would be required for this Framework. Malaysia also re-emphasised that, aside from the ASEAN Summits, no political representative from Myanmar should be invited to any ASEAN Ministerial Meeting.

Towards encouraging constructive dialogue among all parties concerned, Malaysia proposed for ASEAN to engage the National Unity Government (NUG), National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) and other stakeholders.

To improve humanitarian efforts, Malaysia recommended ASEAN to consider the Inclusive Humanitarian Donor Forum proposed by the NUG to support ASEAN's efforts on humanitarian assistance. In addition, Malaysia suggested for ASEAN to review the current cooperation with the Myanmar Humanitarian Task Force to include cooperation with local, international and UN bodies, NGOs and CSOs.

There were various proposals made at the meeting. The meeting agreed to study these proposals and meet again in November to come up with recommendations to be submitted for the consideration of the ASEAN Leaders at the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summits, scheduled on 11 November 2022 in Phnom Penh.

**DATO' SRI SAIFUDDIN ABDULLAH**  
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