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National Unity Government

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Statement on the Rohingya Case at the Argentine Court

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- 1. The perpetrators of the mass atrocities committed against the Rohingya through various violent means are solely the leaders of the Myanmar military and their subordinate battalions. The National Unity Government (NUG) welcomes and supports all efforts to prosecute these crimes in international courts to ensure appropriate punishment for the perpetrators and justice for the victims.
- 2. The mass atrocities committed against the Rohingya in 2017 were carried out solely by the Myanmar military under the leadership of Min Aung Hlaing, as per Article 20(b) and (c) of the 2008 Constitution, which was in effect at the time. Therefore, those who must be held fully accountable for these crimes without exception are Min Aung Hlaing and his associates. As such, the NUG welcomes the legal action taken by the UK-based Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK (BROUK) in the Argentine court to prosecute and issue arrest warrants against Min Aung Hlaing and his accomplices.
- 3. However, we strongly consider the Argentine court's attempt to include former President U Htin Kyaw and the incumbent State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in the list of perpetrators—alongside Min Aung Hlaing and his associates, who are the actual perpetrators of genocide and war crimes—as a misguided and erroneous legal accusation. Therefore, we call for removal of their names from the prosecution.
- 4. The former President U Htin Kyaw and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi made various efforts to find a long-term solution to the Rohingya issue, including the establishment of the "Kofi Annan Commission."

- 5. Similarly, the National Unity Government (NUG) has also established a "Rohingya Policy" and is steadfastly working to ensure justice for the Rohingya people.
- 6. Given these circumstances, the inclusion of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and former President U Htin Kyaw in the case filed at the Argentine court may create misunderstandings between the Rohingya community and other ethnic groups. This could hinder long-term peace, reconciliation, and Myanmar's democratic transition.
- 7. Therefore, the Argentine court's attempt to prosecute and issue arrest warrants against civilian government leaders will undermine national unity among the people of Myanmar and obstruct the ongoing Spring Revolution, which is relentlessly fighting to bring an end to military dictatorship, and will ultimately benefit the terrorist military council.

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