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**The Honourable President of the IPU**

**Secretary General**

**The Honourable President of the Assembly**

**Excellencies, Honourable Members of Parliament,**

**Dear colleagues and friends,**

It is a great honour to address you. This year's theme, provides us with a solid platform to review how we can collaborate to achieve our goals.

What we envision our future for our country is to have a long-lasting peace and development. Technology has been integral part to fulfill our vision since the day 1 of our revolution.

Using appropriate technology platforms, we, the Committee representing Union Parliament (CRPH), the National Unity Government (NUG) and the resistance forces, including various ethnic nationalities have been able to amplify our voices, strengthen our institutional development, coordinate relief efforts and service delivery, enhance coordination among federal, state and local levels.

The military coup in 2021, did not stop Myanmar parliamentarians to represent their people and continued as a fully functioned e-parliament

Social media and other digital tools have been so useful in raising awareness about our works, fundraising for humanitarian aids, reporting military junta's human rights violations and abuses.

While we utilize technology for peace, the military junta abuses it to consolidate their power and block internet usage to conceal their attacks and atrocities.

Since the coup, at least 5,350 civilians have been killed by the military junta. They are killing about 100 civilians every month over last 6 months.

More than 3.3 million people are now displaced, and 18.6 million are in humanitarian need. Nearly 27,400 individuals have been arrested and number of arrests were mounting since the military's mandatory forced conscription in February 2024 making young people fleeing abroad as they did not want to attack their own people, civilians.

It is very clear that the military junta has not demonstrated any positive signs to implement ASEAN's Five-Point Consensus (5PC) effectively. The 35th ASEAN Coordinating Council Meeting and the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 8th October 2024 recommended to ensure the progress on the implementation of the 5PC in its entirety with the sole objective of restoring peace, stability, democracy through a Myanmar owned and led comprehensive political resolution.

The junta's proposed election plan in 2025 without respecting the will of the people, will not resolve Myanmar's current crisis. The junta is not legitimate to conduct election. It lacks the participation of key opposition groups. It could exacerbate the conflict, deepen divisions, and lead to further violence.

Myanmar Democracy Forces are now on the same page with Unified Commitment to a bottom-up federalism model ensuring all communities to have a same voice in the nation-building process.

The NUG and its allies have proposed a comprehensive roadmap, including an inclusive genuine election after establishing new federal constitution. It will offer a more sustainable path towards peace and democracy. It prioritizes democracy, human rights, and national unity.

**Excellencies, dear colleagues and friends**, please let me ask you three requests:

1. Please continue your support to establish an inclusive federal democracy without involvement of the military in future politics. It is the only solution for more peaceful and sustainable future in Myanmar.
2. Not to support and to give pressure on the junta for its illegal Military rule and its election plan in 2025 which is not the solution for current crisis in Myanmar.
3. To bring justice for our people including Parliamentarians. No pardon. No excuse. Perpetrators must be held accountable according to law.

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to working with you all.