

Myanmar Statement to the 153IPU General Debate
***Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through
inclusivity, trust and opportunity for all***

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Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

I speak on behalf of Myanmar's democratically elected parliamentarians, who were prevented from taking office by the unlawful military coup.

For Myanmar, this debate's theme—inclusivity, trust and opportunity for all— tests whether governance serves the people. Good governance requires freely given consent, accountable institutions and respect for human rights.

The military seeks international acceptance for power seized through force and terror. Its attacks on civilians, destruction of essential services and obstruction of humanitarian aid undermine peace. Violence cannot confer legitimacy, and military force cannot erase the people's electoral mandate.

We urge continued acceptance of the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, (CRPH). as the interlocutor for Myanmar's elected parliament, and continued support for Ambassador U Kyaw Moe Tun's representation at the United Nations.

ASEAN's Five-Point Consensus must be implemented as a whole, particularly its commitments to ending violence and pursuing inclusive dialogue. Peace cannot be built against the will of the people or through engagement that legitimizes those responsible for terror.

The surge in transnational crime in Myanmar is a direct consequence of the unlawful coup, the military's subsequent atrocities and the collapse of the rule of law and good governance.

Despite immense challenges, we are building a more inclusive political future. The Steering Council for the Emergence of a Federal Democratic Union, or SCEF, brings together democratic forces, ethnic representatives and representatives of emerging federal units to advance a shared federal vision.

Rebuilding our union requires meaningful participation by ethnic communities, women, young people, displaced persons and those historically excluded. Communities must shape decisions affecting their lives. Trust must be earned through transparency, accountability and respect for human dignity.

Opportunity also depends on survival and access to essential services. We ask you to support cross-border and locally led humanitarian assistance that reaches communities directly and impartially. We also urge practical measures to restrict the military's access to arms, aviation fuel and resources used to attack civilians.

Sustainable peace requires an inclusive political process grounded in the will of the people and accountability for serious violations.

Stand with Myanmar's people by upholding their democratic representation, engaging with inclusive federal initiatives and supporting communities striving to rebuild their lives.

Thank you.
