

## Statement of First United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC) Congress

- 1. The UNFC, which was formed in February 2011, successfully held its First Congress from August 25 to September 2, 2014, in accordance with its Constitution. The Congress was attended by 90 delegates from its 12 member organizations and 5 associate organizations.
- 2. At the Congress, the participants meticulously reviewed the difficulties, impasses and successes the UNFC had to go through in more than three and a half years' time. The Congress put on record the recognition the UNFC had received from communities at home and abroad, for its unity and collective leadership.
- 3. The Congress delegates were very much upset by withdrawal, before the end of the Congress, by delegation of the KNU, which was the original member organization of the UNFC, and its decision to suspend temporarily participation of KNU in the UNFC. However, it is believed that internal discussion within the KNU would result in return of the KNU, before long, to the alliance just like before. For that reason, a position of the vice chairmanship and of an executive committee member are left vacant in the elected executive committee, so that the positions would be taken up by the KNU on its return.
- 4. With the determination to strengthen ever more the unity of the UNFC, the Congress had performed with great care not to leave out any member organization. The Congress was able to lay down solidly future work programs, for greater cooperation with associate member and associate organizations. Plans were also laid down to work jointly, with supporters and organizations at home and abroad, for the emergence of political dialogues, including the matter of nationwide ceasefire.
- 5. The Congress resolved that with respect to ceasefire, the NCCT is a working group formed of representatives of the UNFC member and associate organizations, and that working group is performing for achieving a Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, in accordance with the principles and policies laid down by the UNFC.
- 6. In democratically electing 12 central executive committee members for the 2014-2016 UNFC term of office from 42 Federal Council members, the Congress was able to elect the leaders mentioned below.

## **Central Executive Committee Members**

1.	General N-Ban La	-	Chairman
2.	Nai Han Tha	-	Vice Chairman (1)
3.	KNU	-	Vice Chairman (2)
4.	Koo U Reh	-	General Secretary
5.	Col. Khun Okker	-	Joint Gen. Sec. (1)
6.	Salai Hta La Hay	-	Joint Gen. Sec (2)
7.	Doctor La Ja	-	Central E.C. Member
8.	Gen. Be Htoo	-	do
9.	Duwa Bumwang Laray	W	do
10.	Sao Sai Htoo	-	do
11.	Dr. Khin Maung	-	do
12.	KNU	-	do

7. It is hereby declared that the Central Executive Committee members and the Federal Council Members, elected by the UNFC First Congress, shall work for peaceful resolution of political problems of the Union of Burma and shall strive until the establishment of a Federal Union, which is the political aim of all the ethnic nationalities, is successfully achieved.

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