Kachin Diaspora Statement on Justice and Accountability in Burma

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1. We welcome the UN Fact-Finding Mission’s full report on evidence of genocide against Rohingya in Rakhine State, and war crimes, and crimes against humanity committed against ethnic minorities in Kachin and Shan States. It validates the immeasurable suffering we have been enduring for decades.

2. We concur with the decision of the International Criminal Court (pre-trial Chamber One) judges to accept jurisdiction and the prosecutor’s opening of a preliminary examination concerning the alleged forced deportation of Rohingya people from Burma to Bangladesh.

3. We urge the UN Security Council to adopt a resolution to mandate the withdrawal from ethnic territories and political power of the Burmese military, which has perpetrated mass atrocities during its aggression in Kachin and Shan States.

4. We implore UN member states to honor the UN Charter and help end the world’s longest-running bloodshed by enacting a roadmap for dismantling the current constitution and towards federalizing sovereign power.

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