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**KNU’s Statement on the Peace Talk Invitation  
by the Commander in Chief of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing**

1. The KNU has prioritized political engagement and solving political conflict by peaceful means. The KNU is always seeking for a genuine peace through negotiation.
2. The KNU tirelessly attempted to achieve Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) and signed the agreement comprising all stakeholders; and with the purpose of building a future federal democratic union, actively participated in political dialogues and in Union Peace Conference, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Panglong Meeting, and thus, achieved Union Accord Part-I, Part-II and Part-III, which extensively proved the willingness of KNU as an organization standing for peace. The KNU, by experience, got a lot of lessons in finding political solution through peaceful solution and political means.
3. If we are truly willing for a genuine peace for our country, the participation of all stakeholders desiring to build a future federal democratic union is necessary. The invitation for peace now, however, is limiting the participation of all stakeholders, and will result only in an unsuccessful endeavour to obtain a genuine peace and effectively ending armed conflict, and therefore, we, the KNU, will not be able to attend the event as it is not favorable for an inclusive dialogue.
4. Through “political will”, the new arrangement for peace and political dialogue should be conducted among dialogue partners and seeking for the solution to end the conflict peacefully, solving the historically deeply rooted political problems, ending military dictatorship, leaving the Tatmadaw’s role from politics and accepting transitional justice, recognizing mutual respect, valuing equality, and willingness to negotiate with equality, fairness, truth, and dignity and so on. These shared values should be prioritized, and moreover, at the different level of dialogues, the role of international involvement as observers, facilitators, witnesses, and the role to provide technical assistant and resources must be allowed.
5. Building trust, being an essential matter in dialogue for peace, is necessary to prioritize the people, and therefore, stop all the activities such as combating, violent attack, arrest, atrocities, burning villages, shelling and air-bombardment that create the conflict and instability.

6. The current situation caused widespread combats and attacks across the country, and thus, lead to humanitarian crisis. Therefore, upcoming dialogue with the military council, as of now, should be conducted on the basis of allowing humanitarian assistance and emergency relief only.
7. As our country is inhabited by diverse ethnicities and different religious groups, there are diversity in terms of language, religious belief and customs, and different geography and location, the KNU therefore, believe that a just and genuine peace can only be achieved by systematically and practically implementing democratic culture, division of power and freedom and self-determination.

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