



No	Date	Location	KNU Representatives	Ethnic Groups Represented and/or Govt. Representatives	Details
1	30/10 – 2/11/13	Laiza	General Mutu Sae Poe	17 Ethnic Armed Organisations	<p>Formal Meeting – The first Ethnic Armed Organisations Conference, an unprecedented meeting took place at the Kachin Independence Organisation headquarters in Laiza. For the first time, representatives of 17 armed ethnic opposition groups were able to meet in Burma with the consent of the Government. KNU representatives were KNU Chairman, General Mutu Sae Poe; General Secretary, P'doh Saw Kwe Htoo Win and Political and Military Affairs Advisor to the Chairman, Col Saw Htoo Htoo Lay.</p> <p>For its part, the WGEC, through the RCSS and KNU, presented its framework to the Government on 31 August 2013 and prepared a nationwide ceasefire agreement. With concerns mounting over different positions within the armed ethnic opposition, the KIO arranged for a conference that would bring all sides together. The main aim of the conference was to discuss the way forward in relation to not only a Nationwide Ceasefire but also to the Government's assurance of political dialogue in the future.</p> <p>The KNU and RCSS had already outlined what they wished to see prior to the conference in an 8-point statement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In order to begin a political dialogue, the Government of Myanmar has invited ethnic armed groups to sign a Nationwide Ceasefire. 2. To prepare for the political dialogue, the KIO has invited ethnic armed group leaders to an Ethnic Armed Group Conference. 3. On 31 August 2013, the KNU and the RCSS proposed a Framework for a Political Dialogue, developed jointly by the armed groups, to the Union Peacemaking Working Committee. 4. KNU and RCSS leaders will participate in this Conference to brief KIO and other ethnic leaders about the Framework, to build understanding and consolidate ethnic unity. 5. The Framework for a Political Dialogue calls for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — All stakeholders including all armed groups, political parties, civil society, Parliament, the Burma Army, the government, etc. to participate in the political



					<p>dialogue,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Joint management by all stakeholders of the political process, — A legal mechanism to ensure that the political dialogue process will continue after the 2015 elections, — The Political Dialogue will deal with constitutional and other important issues such as power sharing, security sector reform, land reform, revenue sharing, judicial reform, etc. <p>6. The Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ratification of previously signed ceasefires at the State and Union-level, — A joint military Code of Conduct with regard to the nationwide ceasefire, — A joint mechanism to monitor the nationwide ceasefire, — A joint mechanism to manage problems that arise from implementing the ceasefire. <p>7. The Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement calls for discussions on the Framework for a Political Dialogue within 2 months of the signing. It also calls for the political dialogue to begin within 4 months of the signing.</p> <p>8. The Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement will have a provision for those groups that are not yet ready, to sign later.</p>
2	4-5/11/13	Myitkyina, Kachin State	P'doh Saw Kwe Htoo Win	NCCT and UPWC	<p>Formal Meeting - A dialogue was held between the Union Peacemaking Work Committee (UPWC) and the Ethnic Armed Organisations at the Majoi Hall, Myitkyina, Kachin State on November 4-5, 2013. The dialogue was attended by the government delegation led by Minister U Aung Min, Vice Chairman of the Union Peacemaking Work Committee and the delegates from the Ethnic Armed Organisations. Mr. Vajay Nambiar, Special Advisor to the Secretary General of the United Nations on Myanmar and Mr. Wang Ying Fan, Special Envoy on Asia Affairs from the People's Republic of China attended as observers.</p> <p>In this meeting, a newly formed Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team (NCCT) by Ethnic Armed Organisations' leaders presented and officially submitted "Common Positions of the Ethnic Armed Organisations on Nationwide Ceasefire (Laiza Agreement)" to the Union Peacemaking Working Committee (UPWC).</p> <p>The Union Peacemaking Working Committee (UPWC) officially submitted the draft "Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement between the Union of the Republic of Myanmar and the Ethnic Armed Organisations" to the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team (NCCT).</p>



3	26-28/11/13	Chiang Mai	P'doh Saw Kwe Htoo Win and KNU Technical Team – P'doh Saw Tah Doh Moo and Saw Tamula	NCCT members	<p>Following the Laiza conference, Dr Lian H Sakhong was given responsibility to write the Nationwide Ceasefire draft document. Dr Lian H Sakhong submitted this draft document to NCCT members at the Chiang Mai meeting to discuss. It was agreed that this draft must be discussed informally with UPWC two to three times before the Law Khee Lar meeting in January 2014. During this meeting NCCT members agreed to give KNU General Secretary, P'doh Saw Kwe Htoo Win, responsibility to lead an informal meeting and submit this nationwide ceasefire draft document to UPWC.</p> <p>The meeting also reviewed the government draft ceasefire proposal. NCCT led by P'doh Saw Kwe Htoo Win (KNU), Nai Han Tha (NMSP) and General Gun Maw (KIO) concluded that many of the military provisions included in the proposal were unacceptable. While the government's agreement did not specifically state that armed groups had to surrender their weapons, ethnic leaders believed that the terminology used implied such an outcome was unavoidable in the future. However, NCCT is committed to finding mutual ground while meeting informally with UPWC.</p> <p>Additionally it was agreed that the KNU Technical Team, P'doh Saw Tah Doh Moo and Saw Tamula and, the KIO Technical Team, lead by Gawlu La Awng and Col Sin Wah, including civilian consultancy members, would have a supporting role to NCCT.</p>
4	15/12/13	MPC, Rangoon	P'doh Saw Kwe Htoo Win and KNU Technical Team – P'doh Saw Tah Doh Moo	Minister U Aung Min	<p>Informal Meeting – Discussion around the Draft Nationwide Ceasefire document, formulated and written according to the Laiza Agreement. A copy was given to GoM officials following the Laiza Conference at Myitkyina.</p> <p>NCCT representatives were - NCCT Deputy Leader 1 and KNU General Secretary, P'doh Saw Kwe Htoo Win, NCCT Member and CNF representative, Dr Lian H Sakhong, KNU Technical Team Leader, P'doh Saw Tah Doh Moo and KIO Technical Advisor Team Member, Col Hsin Wa. The discussions centered on the commonalities and differences between the NCCT and GoM proposal/documents.</p> <p>From the GoM representatives were - Minister U Aung Min, Chief Negotiator, Minister U Khin Ye, General Maung Maung Ohn, Deputy Attorney General, General Tun Tun Oo, U Hlaing Maung Shwe, U Tin Maung Than, Dr Min Zaw Oo, Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, Col Kyaw Soe Win, U Thiha Myo Myunt, U Aung Zaw Oo.</p> <p>In this meeting the GoM submitted another Draft Nationwide Ceasefire Proposal to NCCT members. This new GoM draft proposal is based on the draft proposal submitted by NCCT at</p>



					Myitkyina. The meeting centered around the differences and commonalities on the two proposals. The differences will be taken back to each respective group for discussion before coming together again.
5	19-21/12/13	Chiang Mai	P'doh Saw Kwe Htoo Win and KNU Technical Team – P'doh Saw Tah Doh Moo and Saw Tamula	NCCT members	The meeting discussed and reviewed the outcomes of the informal meeting at MPC on the 15-December. Additionally the Nationwide Ceasefire Draft Document was updated based on these outcomes.
6	29/12/13	Chiang Mai	P'doh Saw Kwe Htoo Win and KNU Technical Team – P'doh Saw Tah Doh Moo and Saw Tamula	NCCT members and UPWC	NCCT members led by P'doh Saw Kwe Htoo Win (KNU) and Nai Han Tha (NMSP) met to discuss the two draft ceasefire documents. Commonalities and differences were highlighted, points defined that were included in one document and not in the other. UPWC submitted their draft document that was written with the support of the GoM's law advisory committee. The draft was updated following the meeting at MPC on the 15- Dec 2013. NCCT and UPWC compared and discussed the two draft documents. NCCT concluded that the government draft document was more likely to be a legal document and therefore it was proposed to write into one document based on the government document but with the inputs from NCCT draft document.

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ⁱ Neither the UWSA nor the NDAA-ESS attended

ⁱⁱ 'Joint Statement KNU and RCSS', 26 October 2013