



Statement on the 20th Anniversary of WLB

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Today is the 20th Anniversary of WLB, which has been striving for the restoration of justice, peace, equality and self-determination for all towards federal democratic union through the movement of women.

Since founded, WLB has been working for the elimination of all forms of discrimination based on gender, the elimination of violence against women, for human rights and justice, the promotion of women's participation on every level of decision-making.

Moreover, WLB is a political organization actively participating in the building of the federal democratic country, which will find the solution to the root cause of the ongoing civil war in our country: the absence of ethnic equality and self-determination.

WLB always advocates for accountability and responsibility of those who have committed sexual violence against women and girls as a weapon of war in accordance to international laws.

Burma/Myanmar should seek justice based on the truth for the ongoing genocide faced at the International Court of Justice (ICJ), and only the actual perpetrators should be held accountable and responsible for their crimes. WLB supports seeking the truth and justice for the victims of genocide.

Even though the current government has repeatedly voiced their intention to restore rule of law, peace and national reconciliation, the government has taken no actions and kept silent about serious human rights violations occurring in the country. We strongly believe that such silence has made those who committed the crimes able to continue to act with impunity.

We consider that such silence is not only an obstacle to rule of law, national reconciliation and peace building, but it also creates a very difficult path to make it possible.

If there is a political will for genuine and sustainable peace and to end the civil war, the government should stop the impunity of those who committed the human rights violations targeting civilians, and bring them to justice.



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In order to fulfill the desires of the people in Burma to build a federal democratic union, which guarantees ethnic equality and self-determination, all parties involved in the armed conflict of the country are to be held responsible. At the same time, in order to solve the political problems, the ongoing fighting in Rakhine State, Shan State, Mon State and Karen State must be stopped.

WLB will continue exposing all forms of discrimination on women, sexual violence and other human rights violations while making effort to bring justice for the victims and survivors. Also WLB will keep working for human rights, justice, security and peace for all.

Furthermore, WLB has pledged its committment to collaborate with any organization which share our objectives and values in the building of federal democratic union, which guarantees ethnic equality and self-determination on our 20th Anniversary of the founding day.

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