Joint Statement of

Ethnic Resistance Organizations and Councils Representing States/Nationalities on the Establishment of a Future Federal Democratic Union (Burma)

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Ethnic resistance organizations and councils representing states/nationalities have conducted multiple rounds of preliminary coordination meetings to build a future federal democratic union. Through these consultations, the nine organizations, embedded below, have reached a consensus and outlined a work plan to implement the "bottom-up federalism approach" in pursuance of strong federal democratic union through strengthened state-level structures.

- 1. Starting from the revolutionary/interim period, we, the ethnic resistance organizations and councils representing states/nationalities will work in partnership to establish a federal democratic union through bottom-up federalism approach.
- 2. We have agreed to implement the bottom-up federalism approach in accordance with the following principles.
 - (a) The ultimate owners of sovereignty are the states/federal units and the people within these states/federal units.
 - (b) The states/federal units are based on equality and self-determination.
 - (c) We will implement the division of competencies through the principles of sovereignty, solidarity, subsidiarity, and proportionality.
- 3. We also discussed and agreed on procedures for coordination and implementation among revolutionary forces to advance the bottom-up federalism approach.
- 4. Accordingly, we, the ethnic resistance organizations and councils representing states/nationalities announce that we will jointly implement the above agreement and work plan in pursuance of a strong federal democratic union (Burma).
 - 1) Karen National Union (KNU)
 - 2) Karenni National Progressive Party (KNPP)
 - 3) Chin National Front (CNF)
 - 4) Karenni State Consultative Council (KSCC)
 - 5) Pa-O National Federal Council (PNFC)
 - 6) New Mon State Party (Anti-Military Dictatorship) (NMSP AD)
 - 7) Mon State Federal Council (MSFC)
 - 8) Ta'ang Political Consultative Committee (TPCC)
 - 9) Women's League of Burma (WLB)

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