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## Statement of the 11th Conference of Burma Medical Association

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The 11<sup>th</sup> conference of Burma Medical Association (BMA) was held on 23 -24 June at Thai-Burma border area. The conference was attended by 109 representatives including members of the Burma Medical Association, invited guests from Ministry of Health and Education of the National Unity Government (NUG), leaders of ethnic health organizations and partner organizations.

Dr. Cynthia Maung, Chairperson of BMA, delivered an opening speech on the opening ceremony. It was followed by supporting speeches delivered by Dr. Khin Saw Win, Vice-Chairperson of BMA and Dr. Zaw Wai Soe, Union Minister for Health and Education Ministry of NUG. Saw Eh Poe from Karen Department of Health and Welfare of the Karen National Union (KNU) also delivered speech on behalf of the Ethnic Health Organizations.

The BMA Executive Committee presented the two-year activities report and financial report at the 10<sup>th</sup> BMA conference, and the BMA conference representatives reviewed and approved the reports. Moreover, they reviewed and approved the strategic planning for 2023 – 2027 with some suggestions. They also reviewed and approved the BMA constitution with some amendments. They democratically elected new Executive Committee for 2023 – 2025 by secret voting.

The BMA was established as a Community-Based Organization on 8<sup>th</sup> June 1991 following the 1st National Health Conference, which was held at the Headquarters of KNU in Marneplaw. Its goal is to attain the highest possible level of health care for the whole population based on Primary Health Care (PHC) and Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The BMA is working with Ethnic Health Organizations and other health organizations which shared with BMA' vision to fulfill and promote the right to health of the people, capacitate the health professionals and support the recognition of their qualifications.

We also vowed to work with Ethnic Health Organizations and international organizations in order to strengthen the federal health system and provide emergency health care and humanitarian aids for people living in conflict areas and victims of all kinds of disasters.

Along with deteriorating political, economic, social and education situations in Burma, health situation is also getting worse from bad due to the military dictatorship. In order to attain the highest level of health care for the whole population without discrimination, National Health Policy and Federal Health System, which are in line with federal democratic union, are required.

The BMA firmly believes that the emergence of a federal democratic union, which is the common goal of Burma's Spring Revolution and all ethnic nationalities for peace, stability and sustainable development in Burma, is inevitably needed.

The BMA Conference calls upon the international governments and organizations to:

1. Take urgent measures for provision of cross-border assistance by all ways and means;
2. Provide humanitarian aids to those who are really in need, by working together with local organizations;
3. Assist to ensure safe and secure provision of health care to those who are in need;
4. Take all actions to secure the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners including medical professionals who are being detained by the military junta, which staged a coup d'etat;
5. Reject to recognize the military junta as a government.

The BMA also calls upon the Burma-born health professionals to work together with ethnic health organizations, international governments, international organizations and people of Burma for the emergence of National Health Policy and Federal Health System, which are in line with federal democratic union.

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