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The Rt. Hon. David Miliband MP  
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
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Your Excellency,

The National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB) is very grateful to Your Excellency's Government for disapproving the recent brutal crackdown on monks and peaceful demonstrators and also wishes to express our thanks for extending the support for the transition to democracy in Burma.

The killings and beatings of peaceful protestors in public bring to light the vicious practice of the Burmese regime, State Peace and Development Council (SPDC), which for decades has been committing similar crimes against the people, particularly the ethnic nationalities, in remotes areas. Poignant scenes of brutality against the citizens, including murder and human rights violations, like arbitrary detention and complete prohibition of access to information only confirm the junta's intention to go to any length to retain its hold on the country as well as to silence anyone from religious leaders to newsmen to the common people who dare to question their authority.

On a positive note, the courage and resourcefulness shown by the demonstrators and the brutal acts committed by the military have galvanized the international community into supporting the people of Burma in an unprecedented way. Sources back home inform us that the people are encouraged by the support they are getting and are determined to continue their struggle for democracy with international help.

In this regard, we are looking forward to the upcoming EU Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting where passage of correct and firm decisions will help quicken the pace toward democracy in Burma. Hence, the NCGUB wishes to seek the support of Your Excellency's Government to strengthen the EU Common Position by adoption of additional resolutions which include:

- Rejecting the outcome of the junta-organized National Convention, particularly the military proposed constitution which will legitimize and perpetuate military rule in Burma unless the convention is reformed to include all stakeholders -- the National League for Democracy and other ethnic parties -- and is modified to make it more democratic and Transparent;

- Freezing the assets of key members of the military junta, their families and business associates.
- Banning all new investment and financial transactions in Burma
- Banning key imports from Burma, such as metals, gems, timber and marine products
- Freezing or withdrawing of all operations relating to gas, oil, and other energy resources in Burma

The regime and its cronies have monopolized almost all lucrative businesses and manufacturing firms in Burma and targeting sanctions in the abovementioned areas will have less impact on the common people. We believe that strengthening of EU Common Position at this critical juncture will send a clear and strong message to the Burmese military regime that EU will never tolerate the use of violence to restrict fundamental freedoms and human rights of the people.

We are convinced that targeted sanctions applied in combination with high-level critical engagements, including the facilitation of the good offices of the UN Secretary-General, will open opportunities for a political dialogue leading to a peaceful democratic transition in Burma.

Thank you for Your Excellency's consideration of our recommendations. We greatly appreciate your continued efforts to support the Burmese people in their call for democracy.

Sincerely,



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