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### **NLD CHAIR U AUNG SHWE SENDS A LETTER TO SEN GEN THAN SHWE**

The Chairman of the National League for Democracy ( NLD ) U Aung Shwe ( 92 ) has on March 17 written an official letter to Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council ( SPDC ) Senior General Than Shwe requesting the latter to urgently allow the party's entire Central Executive Committee including detained General Secretary of the party Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to hold its meeting as soon as possible in order to lay down the future programmes of the party in view of the Political Party Registration Law and Elections Law promulgated by the SPDC, the NLD special announcement (1/03/10) issued this evening declared.

“The NLD being a legitimate political party, it must be given the right to hold its 20-member Central Executive Committee including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to map out the future programmes,” U Aung Shwe's letter to Than Shwe has categorically mentioned, the NLD's special statement further disclosed the contents of U Aung Shwe's letter.

Central Executive Committee member of the NLD U Win Tin, who was released from 19 years long imprisonment on September 23, 2008, said: “It is imperative for the NLD CEC to get the views of Aung San Suu Kyi, before coming to the final decision as to whether or not the NLD should register with the Election Commission for its continued existence.

“As of now majority of the newly formed 100 members central committee of our party is leaning towards the negative side. In other words most of the central committee are not eager to register with the Election Commission for the NLD's continued existence as a political party because of the suppressive nature of the Political Party Registration Law and election Laws,” U Win Tin told the Press.

On January 14 this year, the NLD has begun its reorganization by expanding its 11-member Central Executive Committee to 20-member body. In addition, the NLD has on March 3 this year reformed its Central Committee, which is now made up of 100 members.

Moreover the NLD Central Executive Committee has summoned all members of the central committee to come down to Yangon for discussions to be held on March 29 this year to adopt the decision on whether or not the NLD should register with the Election Commission for its continued existence.

