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Press Release 2/2012 of the Chin National Front on the Peace Negotiation between CNF's Peace Negotiation Team and the Union-level Peace Negotiation Team of the Government of the Union of Burma

The peace negotiation team of the Chin National Front (CNF) left for Hakha, Chin State, from the Indo-Burma border on April 30, 2012 to meet with the Union-level Peace Negotiation Team of the Government of the Union of Burma for the second round of negotiations. The CNF team met with the people in Matupi on May 3, 2012 and in Thantlang on May 5, 2012. The CNF team met with the Union-level peace negotiation team in the capital of Chin State, Hakha, and signed the 15-point agreement on May 7, 2012. They met with the people in Hakha on May 6, 2012 and May 8, 2012 and they safely arrived back at CNF's general headquarters on May 10, 2012.

The peace negotiation team of the CNF was led by Dr. Sui Khar and Dr. Salai Ngun Cung Lian and 17 members in total went along. The Burma Government team was led by U Aung Min and included U Zaw Min, Minister of Electricity-Industry 1; U Win Tun, Minister of Forestry; U Hung Ngai, Chief Minister of Chin State; Maj Gen. Zaw Win, Deputy Minister of Border Affairs; U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Attorney-General; Col. Kyaw Soe Win from Burma Defense Services; Col. Zaw Min Oo, Chin State Security and Border Affairs; and Col. Kyaw Thant Naing, Commander of the Northwest Command.

The CNF and Union-level peace negotiation teams signed the 15-point agreement in the presence of the Peace Committee members Dr. Kyaw Yin Hlaing and U Hla Maung Shwe and Chin Peace and Tranquility Committee members Pu Chawn Kio, Rev. Tluang Ceu and Rev. Dennis Ngun Thawng Mang. Important points from the agreement include:

1. Terms of reference regarding the ceasefire agreement
2. Terms of reference regarding temporary settlement
3. Terms of reference regarding liaison offices
4. Basic principles for political dialogue
5. Agreement regarding international covenant and agreement
6. Terms of reference regarding the conduct of public consultation
7. Terms of reference regarding non-governmental organizations
8. Terms of reference regarding human resource and capacity building
9. Terms of reference regarding joint cooperation to eradicate drugs
10. Terms of reference regarding visas
11. Agreement to strive to re-define Chin National Day and Chin State Day
12. Agreement regarding Chin National Front and Chin National Army
13. Agreement regarding fundamental rights
14. Agreement regarding the formation of the Supervision Committee of the ceasefire
15. Agreement regarding the formation of peaceful resolution of conflict

The agreement between the Government of Arakan State and the Arakan Liberation Party (ALP) on April 5, 2012 to open liaison office in Paletwa town of Chin State was discussed, and an objection letter written to President U Thein Sein regarding the opening of a liaison office in Paletwa by the ALP has been sent through the Union-level peace negotiation team.

Union-level peace negotiations to build a long lasting peace in the Union shall be reconvened at a date and place convenient for both sides. Issues regarding the development of Chin State, special economic zones and other topics shall be discussed.

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