

**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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