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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE UNION OF BURMA

NCUB supports the legal actions of the National League for Democracy NLD, the elected representatives of the 1990 elections and requesting members of the International Community to recognize the legal controversy of the SPDC's laws.

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The NCUB commends and endorses Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the National League for Democracy's (NLD) and the Members of Parliament elected at the 1990 recent decision to take legal action against the military regime to prevent implementation of the junta's unjust and undemocratic electoral laws. Filed with Burma's Supreme Court, these lawsuits highlight one of the greatest legal challenges ahead of the junta's planned 2010 elections. If the junta's undemocratic electoral laws are fully implemented, the NLD will be deemed illegal and dissolved, and the 1990 elections results will be labeled as void under Burmese law.

The NCUB further calls on the international community to support Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the NLD as they seek to find legal, nonviolent means to challenge the military junta's illegitimate and undemocratic laws.

The forthcoming 2010 elections are a clear attempt by the military junta to create a facade of democratic legitimacy for the perpetuation of dictatorial rule in Burma. To help ensure its own victory in the upcoming elections, the junta has imposed a constitution and electoral laws that systematically exclude Burma's democratic leaders from participating in the electoral process. The NLD lawsuits highlight the contradictions between the junta stated goals and its actions.

The junta's efforts to secure victory in the upcoming elections are not only creating challenges for Burma's democratic leaders, but they are creating broader instability throughout the state. The SPDC's recent crackdown is pushing migrants into neighboring states, sparking renewed conflict with ceasefire groups and ethnic organizations.

More instability is likely once the SPDC has set a date for the elections.

The UN, EU, and US have recognized that the National League for Democracy NLD and the Members of Parliament MPs are the rightful winners of the 1990 elections. They have further urged the SPDC to honor those election results. This position was most recently reaffirmed by a resolution passed by the 57th session of the UN General Assembly which “*strongly urges*” the government of Myanmar to in which “to restore democracy and implement the results of the 1990 elections.” Strong international backing is critical to the continuation of the NLD’s work in the face of increasing persecution from the military junta.

To support the NLD as it moves forward with these critical lawsuits, the National Council of the Union of Burma (NCUB) calls upon members of the international community, including the United Nations, to help Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the NLD, and the people of Burma fight the SPDC’s illegitimate, unjust, and undemocratic laws. The international community must condemn the junta’s electoral laws and refuse to recognize any elections carried out under the junta’s undemocratic electoral laws.

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