Federal Democracy Charter Part - I

Declaration of Federal Democracy Union 2021

FEDERAL DEMOCRACY CHARTER

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Federal Democracy Charter

Introduction

With the objective of building a Federal Democracy Union, organizations and individuals who accept and agree to this Federal Democracy Charter, hereafter referred to as "Charter", make the commitment that we will try and build a Federal Democracy Union holding the following standards and values for the eradication of dictatorship and emergence of Federal Democracy Union with the political road map that will be implemented in steps, basic principles for the development of constitution and fundamental policies. With the firm belief that we will achieve the collective force, which will drive the collective actions and implementations through collective leadership of those who accept and agree to the Charter to reach the desired goal, we hereby validate and enact this Charter.

Chapter I

Goal and Objective

To bring an end to the conflicts and problematic root causes in the Union, to ensure all ethnic nationalities - population can participate and collaborate and to build a prosperous Federal Democracy Union where all citizens can live peacefully, share the common destiny and live harmoniously together; a Federal Democracy Union where democracy is exercised and equal rights and self-determination are guaranteed, all ethnic nationalities of the Union, all citizens enjoy mutual recognition and respect, mutual friendship and support and solidarity based on freedom, equality and justice, we intend to carry out the following activities:

- 1. Eradication of dictatorship;
- 2. Ultimate Abolishment of 2008 Constitution;
- 3. Building Federal Democracy Union; and
- 4. Emergence of Public Government.

Chapter II

Members of the Charter

The following entities collaborate and participate to collectively implement the vision and objective stated in this Charter:

- 1. Elected parliamentarian representatives;
- 2. Political Parties;
- 3. Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM), forces of General Strike Committee, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) including Women and Youth organizations; and
- 4. Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs).

Chapter III

Implementation Process or Political Road Map

- 1. To collaborate according to respective sectors by establishing parliamentary representative committees with elected parliamentary representatives;
- 2. To create a platform/a structure where partner political parties, ethnic armed organizations and civil society organizations including women and youth organizations can work together to discuss and validate political agreements and future activities (activities for the way forward);
- 3. To develop and agree the Federal Democracy Charter;
- 4. To establish Interim National Unity Government, legislative and judiciary institutions in accordance with this Charter;
- 5. To determine a strategy for the eradication of dictatorship, abolishment of 2008 Constitution and building of Federal Democracy Union and to implement it;
- 6. To convene Constitutional Convention to develop and validate a new constitution;
- 7. To hold a national referendum to validate and enact the Federal Democracy Constitution developed by the Constitutional Convention; and
- 8. To establish legislative, executive and judiciary pillars according to the newly validated and enacted Federal Democracy Constitution and exercise constitutionalism.

Chapter IV

Development of Federal Democracy Union Constitution

The Constitution Drafting Committee established by the members who participate and collaborate in this Charter will develop the Constitution (draft) in accordance with the following guiding principles:

- Part 1: The vision and values of the Union;
- Part 2: The guiding principles for the building of Federal Democracy Union; and
- Part 3: Fundamental Policies.

Part I

Union Vision and Union Values

Union Vision

We shall build a peaceful Federal Democracy Union which guarantees freedom, justice and equality.

Union Values

To build the Union, we believe in and accept the following as values:

- 1. Democracy Rights, Gender Equality and basic Human Rights;
- 2. Equality and Self-Determination;
- 3. Collective Leadership;
- 4. Diversity, Social Harmony, Solidarity and Non-Discrimination; and
- 5. Protection of Minority Rights.

Part II

Guiding principles for building a Federal Democracy Union

- 1. The member states of the Union and the people in these states are the original owners of sovereignty.
- 2. The Federal Democracy Union is established with member states which have equal rights and right to self-determination in full. All the member states of the Union (all the federal units) are equal in terms of politics.
- 3. Member states of the Union have the right to enact their own respective State Constitution.
- 4. The Union exercises Power Sharing, Revenue Sharing and Fiscal Federalism. In doing so, it exercises the Subsidiary Principle where the system allows the government level closest to the people can act.
- 5. All Federal Union Security and Defense forces shall be under the supervision and administration of democratically elected civilian government. They shall exercise policy based on human security.

Part III

Fundamental Policies for Building Federal Democracy Union

Form of the Union

- 1. Federal Democracy Union shall be built to meet the characteristics of a federal union exercising full rights of democracy and equal rights and rights to self-determination in full.
- 2. Federal Democracy Union shall consist of member states which have full rights of democracy, equality and self-determination.
- 3. Every member state of the Union shall have separate legislative power, separate executive power and separate judicial power.

Power of the Union

4. The member states of the Union and the people in these states are the original owners of sovereignty.

- 5. The three pillars of sovereignty of Federal Democracy Union namely, legislative power, executive power and judicial power are clearly separated, exercised independently and exert reciprocal check and balance among themselves.
- 6. Power of the Union, power of the states and concurrent powers shall be determined and enacted. Only the powers necessary to exercise for the common interests of the member states of the Union shall be conferred to the Union. Residual powers which are not prescribed in the power of the Union, power of the States and concurrent power, shall remain with the member states of the Union.

Legislature of the Union

7. Federal Parliament is established with Federal Upper House and Federal Lower House which have equal powers. Upper House is established with the equal number of representatives selected and sent by various member states of the Federal Union. Lower House is established with representatives elected by the constituents in the elections which are based either on the number of population or townships. These two houses of parliament develop and enact union legislation.

Union Governance

8. The governance system of the Federal Union is Parliamentary System led by the Prime Minister. It is a system where a Head of State or President of the Union is in the parliamentary system.

Union Judiciary and Constitutional Tribunal

- 9. The supreme court of the Federal Union and Federal Union courts shall be established at various levels to exercise the judicial powers of the Federal Union. Federal Union Chief Justice nominated by the President of the Federal Union shall be reviewed examined and approved by the Federal Parliament
- 10. Independent Constitutional Tribunal shall be formed to resolve and address the disputes related to the Constitution between the Federal Union and its member state or among member states.
- 11. Constitution of the Federal Union is the supreme law of the Union.

State Constitution

- 12. Member states of the Federal Union have the right to develop and enact State Constitutions.
- 13. Authority and power of local levels within the state shall be clearly and exactly prescribed in the State Constitution and the schedules of the taxes and revenue it can collect shall be exactly provided and enacted.
- 14. Rights of every ethnic nationalities in the State in various sectors namely political, social, economic, culture, tradition and customs etc. shall be protected, maintained and promoted.

Independent Commissions

- 15. The Federal Union shall have at least the following independent commissions:
 - a. Anti-Corruption Commission;
 - b. Election Commission;
 - c. Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Commission;
 - d. Right to information Commission; and
 - e. Anti-Gender based Violence Commission.

Politics and Religion

16. The Federal Union shall practice a political system that has separation between politics and religion and that is secular, not based on religion.

Fiscal Federalism

17. Exact and systematic tax and revenue collection schedule between Union level government and State level governments shall be precisely enacted as a law. The Union revenue collection mechanism and State revenue collection mechanism shall be specific and separate.

18. Fiscal management and sharing laws between Federal Union and States shall be developed and enacted. The Fiscal equality program for comprehensive and equitable development of the member states of the Union shall be developed and enacted.

Land and Natural Resources

- 19. Land and natural resources management and sharing law between Federal Union and member states shall be developed and enacted.
- 20. The original owner of all of land and natural resources within a State is the people who live in the State. The State shall have the right to independently manage the exploration, extraction, selling, trading, preservation, and protection etc. of the natural resources within the State.
- 21. In the Federal Union, the State shall have the full rights to the revenue stream coming from the natural resources that are produced in large quantities among the resource revenues. In extraction and production of natural resources, the consent of the local communities shall be obtained, and it shall have direct benefits to the development of that area. Separate taxes shall be collected, and a funds program shall be developed and enacted to remedy the negative impacts affecting the communities and the natural environment and the damages to the ecosystem due to the extraction of natural resources.

Fundamental Rights and Rights of Ethnic Minorities

- 22. Every person who lives in the Union shall be entitled to the fundamental human rights.
- 23. All the ethnic nationalities born in the Union shall have full rights to individual rights entitled as an individual person and ethnic nationalities shall have full rights to collective rights entitled as ethnic groups.
- 24. Every citizen who has adopted the citizenship of the Union although they are not ethnic nationalities born in the Union, shall have the full rights to fundamental rights of the citizens (citizen rights).
- 25. Direct, indirect or any forms of discriminations based on sex and gender shall be absolutely prohibited and there shall be promotion, protection, respect and compliance.
- 26. There shall be rights to independently preserve, protect and promote the customs, traditional practices and languages of ethnic nationalities in accordance with fundamental human rights laws. National identity and cultural rights of ethnic nationalities as their inherent rights shall not be repealed or prevented in any context. There shall be priority or specific space provided for ethnic minorities in State governments, State parliaments and local governance so they can participate in politics and decision-making role.
- 27. Literature and languages of ethnic nationalities shall be officially applied and taught in practice. Higher education institutions, universities and institutions shall be established and implemented so that ethnic languages of the Union will be taught and learned in these facilities.

Federal security and defense principles

- 28. Security and defense policies of Federal Union shall be based on human security. All security and defense forces of Federal Union shall be under the supervision and administration of democratically elected civilian government.
- 29. Federal Parliament shall develop and enact security and defense policies and laws of the Union. Federal Parliament shall examine and approve the defense and security expenditures.
- 30. Federal Police Force and State Police Force shall be established separately. There shall be the right to form State Security Force. State Police Force and State Security Force are under the governance and control of respective State Government. The expenditures of State Police Force and State Security Forces shall be scrutinized and approved by respective State Parliament.
- 31. To respond effectively in the context of either Union security and State of Emergency or natural disasters and relief activities, the deployment of Security Forces shall be discussed and decided by Union Government and respective State Government.

32. National Defense and Security Council of Federal Union shall be established. This Council shall be composed of at least one person from State Defense and Security Councils and of Union level individuals whose total number is not more than 30% of the total members of the Council.

Federal Union Security System

33. Federal Union Security System shall be established to implement a system where organizations and various forces participate in all ethnic nationalities, and provide comprehensive coverage while guaranteeing the safety of the population, protection of communities from dangers and defense of the Union through development of strategies based on respective geographical situation and mandates of security authorities which reflect and shape the customs and traditions, concerns and needs of the local communities by exercising the distribution of powers among Union, State and local level civilian governments, distribution of rights and decision-making powers given to the specific entities or individuals.

Administration and Public Services

- 34. Public service training schools shall be opened to train and nurture the individuals who will serve in administration and public services. Union Government shall develop curriculum standards that will be taught in these training schools.
- 35. Respective States shall have the right to open administration and public services training schools in respective states for the individuals who will serve in the states.

Inter-Governmental Relations

- 36. Joint Committees shall be established such as Heads of State Joint Committee to address and resolve the disputes and issues and to collaborate and work together between Federal Union and the States or between the state; Sectoral Ministers Joint Committee to work in collaboration in respective sectors; Financial Joint Committee to manage the revenues that are designated to be shared. The term of the Committee shall be determined based on the need of the issue on collaboration.
- 37. Heads of member states are above Union Ministers in the hierarchy of Federal Union.

Chapter V

Commitment

We shall build peaceful Federal Democracy Union with freedom, justice and equality in line with the political road map which will be implemented along the vision and objectives of this Charter.

In doing so, we shall endeavor to give the right to decision-making to the people and the right to self-determination to the member states of the Union based on the Union values.

We shall ensure the fundamental rights, gender equality and the rights of ethnic minorities. For the security of social life of every citizen, we shall adopt security and defense policies of Federal Union based on human security.

We shall develop and adopt policies that encourage and support innovation and entrepreneurship to raise the living standards of the citizens.

We shall develop and adopt effective policies for universal education coverage, universal health coverage, rights of people with disabilities, children, elderly and women including pregnant mothers, harm reduction for abuse of narcotics and psychotropic substances, treatment and rehabilitation.

We shall repeal the powers of those who are not elected. We shall dismantle the governments that do not have accountability nor responsibility by the people power. We shall be able to guarantee that the original source of sovereignty is the people. We shall ensure that the powers of the State are in the hands of the people.

The themes, provisions and policies in this Charter are the basic guidance that shall be applied in the implementation of the issues relating to the interim government and interim constitutional arrangements that will emerge soon.

Conclusion

Ethnic leaders who built the Union have given up their right to build their own separate nationals and signed 1947 Panglong Agreement to build this Union as a federation where countries come together as a Union. They intended to hold freedom, equality, diversity, collective leadership and self-determination as the standards and values of the Union and build Federal Union where all ethnicities would share the common destiny peacefully and live together in harmony. They have collaborated to achieve independence together.

Thus, it is essential to implement once again the Panglong Agreement, Panglong Commitment and Panglong Principle which are the original convention of the Union in order to build peaceful and prosperous Federal Union. The Constitution of Federal Union shall be drafted once again. Constitutionalism where governance is exercised according to the Constitution shall be adopted. Necessary legislative, executive and judiciary reforms shall be undertaken. The necessary characteristics of the Union shall be fulfilled. We shall implement building of the union identity both in form and essence. Union shall be built collectively and it shall flourish with collective leadership in the world.

We hereby declare that this Charter has been developed, adopted and validated collectively to shape and create a new Federal Democracy Union of freedom, peace, prosperity and development where we believe in and comply with values and strong policies and we shall implement collectively with collective leadership.

Note: On March 27, 2021 this "Federal Democracy Charter", Part I, "Declaration of Federal Democracy Union" has been discussed and validated at National Unity Consultation Council (NUCC).

Federal Democracy Charter Part - II

Interim Constitutional Arrangement 2021

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COMMITMENTS ON BUILDING FEDERAL DEMOCRACY UNION

Introduction

The strong desire of ethnic nationalities living in the Federal Democracy Union is the emergence of the Federal Democracy Union that gives full guarantee to rights of democracy, equity and self-determination and that is based on the eternal principles namely, justice, equality and freedom. Values that respect and elevate the inherent rights and human dignity of ethnic nationalities, the principles, guiding principles and the process to be implemented or political road map have been prescribed in Part I of this Charter. Respective forces who will work hard to build Federal Democracy Union with collective force have already made commitment. We hereby validate and enact "interim constitutional arrangement" as Part II of the Federal Democracy Charter which will serve as the basis for formation of an Interim National Unity Government in order to build Federal Democracy Union by implementing the goal and objective as well as the steps of the political road map mentioned in Part I of the Federal Democracy Charter. The expression "region and state" used in the Part II of the Federal Democracy Charter applies only to the duration of this Charter. This interim constitutional arrangement shall only apply to the duration of the term of the Interim National Unity Government.

Chapter 1

Objective of the interim constitutional arrangement

- 1. To form Interim National Unity Government which will implement the goal, objective and steps of the political road map as prescribed in Part I of the Federal Democracy Charter;
- 2. To set and enact the structure, mandate and authorities of the Interim National Unity Government;
- 3. To determine activities that shall be implemented for the emergence of a Federal Democracy Union Constitution through the Constitutional Convention where all ethnic national people participate;
- 4. To protect the rights of the people during the term of the Interim National Unity Government.

Chapter 2

Interim Legislature

Establishment of Federal Union Parliament

- 1. Federal Union Parliament shall be established with two parliamentary houses of equal powers: Federal Upper House and Federal Lower house.
 - a. Federal Lower House consists of parliamentarians who are elected by the constituents in respective constituencies of 2020 general elections either based on township or population;
 - b. Upper House consists of equal number of parliamentarians elected in 2020 general elections by the member states of the Union (federal units).
- 2. During the interim period where there shall be difficulties to implement article 1, sub article (a) and (b), the parliamentary representative committees composed of elected parliamentarians from political parties who have won in 2020 general elections shall work on interim legislation issues as they agree to collaborate and implement the goal, objective and political road map of this Charter.
- 3. Parliamentary representative committees shall be composed of parliamentarians from political parties who have won in 2020 election, who do not collaborate with the military council of the junta and who have strived for the emergence of Federal Democracy Union.
- 4. Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall undertake the union legislative issues.
- 5. Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall develop and enact union legislative processes.
- 6. Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw may form support committees.
- 7. Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall validate and appoint President, Vice Presidents, Union Prime Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, and Deputy Ministers of the Interim National Unity Government.

Region and State Legislature

Issues related to region and state legislature shall be prescribed in respective region and state constitution. But state legislative issues shall be prescribed in this interim constitutional arrangement to apply during the interim period.

Region and State Hluttaws or Parliaments

- 1. Region and state hluttaws or parliaments shall be established as follows:
 - a. State parliamentarians who have been elected two representatives for every township in 2020 general election in regions and states;
 - b. State parliamentarians elected one representative for one ethnic group in 2020 general election by various ethnicities which have the appropriate population in regions and states.
- 2. During the interim period where there shall be difficulties to implement article 1, sub article (a) and (b), the committees representing region and state hluttaw composed of elected parliamentarians from political parties who have won in 2020 general elections shall work on interim legislation issues of the regions or states as they agree to collaborate and implement the goal, objective and political road map of this Charter.
- 3. Committees representing region and state hluttaws be composed of parliamentarians from political parties who have won in 2020 election, who do not collaborate with the military council of the junta and who have strived for the emergence of Federal Democracy Union.
- 4. Committees representing region and state hluttaw shall enact the legislative processes of regions and states.
- 5. Committees representing region and state hluttaw shall undertake the legislative issues of regions and states.
- 6. Committees representing region and state hluttaw may form support committees.
- 7. Committees representing region and state hluttaw shall validate and appoint region and state governments.

Chapter 3

Interim Governance

- 1. Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, in discussion with forces who have signed the agreements of this Charter, select, and appoint the President, Vice Presidents and Union Prime Minister.
- 2. President and Vice Presidents are the heads of state and represent the nation.
- 3. Union Prime Minister is the head of Interim National Unity Government.
- 4. Union Prime Minister shall appoint and give mandate to the ministers who are members of Interim National Unity Government with the agreement of Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Union Prime Minister shall restructure and establish ministries as necessary with the agreement of Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- 5. Interim National Unity Government, in discussion with National Unity Consultative Council, to appoint and give mandate to region and state governments with the agreement of Committees Representing Region and State Hluttaw.
- 6. Union Prime Minister and Interim National Unity Government shall be accountable to Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (committee representing hluttaws at union level).
- 7. Individuals nominated by Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, individuals nominated by political parties who are involved in the drafting of the Charter, individuals nominated by ethnic armed revolutionary organizations, and individuals, academics and experts from organizations that are accountable to ethnic armed organizations shall be included in the formation of Interim National Unity Government.
- 8. Interim National Unity Government shall be formed with the entities as follows:
 - a. President;
 - b. State Counsellor;
 - c. Vice President 1;
 - d. Vice President 2;
 - e. Union Prime Minister and
 - f. Cabinet member ministers and deputy ministers.
- 9. Union Prime Minister shall assign the duties and authorities to an authority institution or an individual to develop and implement the objectives of the Charter, the policy and strategic plans of

- the Interim National Unity Government in discussion with Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- 10. Interim National Unity Government, in discussion with National Unity Consultative Council, shall develop, validate, and apply union level and region or state level interim governance plan.
- 11. Sectoral committees and commissions shall be established as necessary with members of parliament, representatives of EAOs, political parties, civil society organizations and others suitable and appropriate individuals by respective minister to implement the policy and strategic plans of the Interim National Unity Government.
- 12. If the President cannot serve his duties, Vice President 1 shall assume the duties on behalf of the President.

Chapter 4

Duties and Mandates of Interim National Unity Government

- 1. Interim National Unity Government shall implement the political objectives, goal and political road map prescribed in this Charter.
- 2. Interim National Unity Government shall create space where partner political parties, ethnic armed revolutionary organizations and civil society organizations can work together in order to discuss and validate political agreements and implement the way forward.
- 3. Interim National Unity Government shall adopt a strategy for eradication of dictatorship, abolishment of 2008 Constitution and building of Federal Democracy Union and implement the strategy.
 - a. Interim National Unity Government shall develop and implement ministerial plans while implementing the policies and strategic plans of Interim National Unity Government in accordance with the goal, objectives and political road map of the Charter.
 - b. Interim National Unity Government shall apply a wide range of approaches such as political, economic, social, foreign affairs and diplomacy, defense and security to achieve the defeat of military junta.

Politics

Interim National Government:

- shall weaken the governance mechanisms of military council which is oppressing the people in violence and strengthen the legislative, executive and judicial pillars of Interim National Unity Government.
- ii. shall collaborate, discuss and work with National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) which includes respective organizations and individuals for the establishment of Federal Democracy Union.
- iii. shall repeal laws that oppress the people and adopt laws which protect the fundamental human rights of the citizens and implement security of the people and rule of law.
- iv. shall continue to implement collectiveness and leadership necessary to ensure public movements including Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) consistently continue to take place.

Civil Disobedience Movement

Interim National Unity Government:

- i. shall escalate the CDM to weaken and bring to a standstill the governance mechanism of the council of military junta.
- ii. shall provide assistance for the subsistence of the civil servants who are participating in the Civil Disobedience Movement.
- iii. shall take action against any civil servant or individual who do not participate in the CDM, are loyal to military council and participate in various acts of terrorism against the people and perpetuate the governance mechanism of the council of military junta.
- iv. shall establish a new public government mechanism based on the civil servants who are part of the CDM and stand together with the people during the movement against the military dictatorship.

- v. shall honor and give awards to people who have been killed, wounded, arbitrarily arrested and their families during the struggle against the military dictatorship.
- vi. shall set up programs to honor and give awards to civil servants who have participated in the CDM against the military dictatorship.
- vii. shall set up capacity building programs for civil servants in the CDM and youth and students who participate actively in the general strikes.

Foreign Affairs

Interim National Unity Government:

- i. shall work to get its formal recognition from international community by collaborating with international governments and international organizations including the United Nations, according to the foreign affairs policy.
- ii. shall work on ratification of international conventions and treaties that will protect the nation and the people in line with international laws.
- iii. shall implement strategic plans of Interim National Unity Government by collaborating with partner countries which are in favor of building of Federal Democracy Union.
- iv. shall work with diplomatic approaches to bring effective sanctions of international community against the council of military junta and to file criminal charges in international courts.

Economy

Interim National Unity Government:

- i. shall work in collaboration with both national and international organizations and the people to reduce and weaken the economic and financial resources that support the terrorism mechanism of the council of military junta.
- ii. shall work in collaboration with both national and international organizations and individuals in favor of federal democracy and with the people to meet the economic and financial needs required for the strategic plan which will be implemented to quickly reach the political goals and objectives of Interim National Unity Government.
- iii. shall adopt plans to provide protection and reduction of economic burdens that will impact the people due to the actions of the council of military junta.

Social Affairs

Interim National Unity Government:

- i. shall facilitate ethnic people who have participated in the fight against dictatorship in the previous eras and have to emigrate to international countries if they want to reapply for Myanmar citizenship. Moreover, we shall provide arrangements for permanence residence inside Myanmar.
- ii. shall collaborate and work with United Nations and International Aid Agencies to give humanitarian assistance to displaced persons and people whose social economy and livelihood have been affected by the oppression and violence of the council of military junta.
- iii. shall organize and implement all that we can to ensure that the basic needs of the daily wage earners, informal workers and grassroot communities are met.
- iv. shall work to obtain technical assistance from the diaspora of academia and technical experts.

Defense and Security

Interim National Unity Government:

i. shall develop, adopt, and implement the public defense and security issues and national defense arrangements in discussion with National Unity Consultative Council.

- ii. shall develop, adopt, and implement the public protection arrangement as soon as possible to provide protection for the security of the people and the rule of law.
- 4. Interim National Unity Government shall convene Constitutional Convention to develop and adopt Federal Democracy Union Constitution.
 - Interim National Unity Government and National Unity Consultative Council:
 - a. shall develop and adopt policy, procedure and process of convening constitutional convention.
 - b. shall establish Constitutional Convention Commission that is inclusive of all ethnic people for the emergence of Federal Democracy Union Constitution.
 - c. shall discuss with ethnic armed revolutionary organizations for the establishment of federal democracy union, political parties and political forces which have the similar objectives for the establishment of federal democracy and convene a Constitutional Convention where ethnic peoples participate to discuss, develop and adopt Federal Democracy Union Constitution (draft).
- 5. Interim National Unity Government shall hold public referendum to adopt and enact the Federal Democracy Union Constitution developed by Constitutional Convention.
- 6. Interim National Unity Government shall be established legislative, executive and judicial pillars and practice constitutionalism according to the adopted and enacted Federal Democracy Union Constitution.

Chapter 5

National Unity Consultative Council and its duties

- 1. National Unity Consultative Council (hereafter referred to as "NUCC") shall be established to consult, discuss and work with federal democracy forces while implementing the strategic plans of Interim National Unity Government.
- 2. National Unity Consultative Council shall be established with the representatives who have agreed to the political goals and political road map prescribed in this Charter namely Committees Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, political parties, ethnic armed revolutionary organizations, civil society organizations, CDM groups, groups leading the public movement and representatives nominated by Interim National Unity Government.
- 3. NUCC shall mobilize, discuss and negotiate with various democratic forces so they will join and participate in the strategic plans prescribed in this Charter.
- 4. National Unity Consultative Council shall participate in the issues related to convening the Constitutional Convention where ethnic peoples will join, the development of Constitution of Federal Democracy Union and holding a public referendum in negotiation and collaboration with Interim National Unity Government.

Chapter 6

Interim Justice

1. Interim National Unity Government and National Unity Consultative Council shall collaborate and negotiate to develop and implement interim judicial policy and plans.

Chapter 7

General Provisions

- 1. Interim National Unity Government shall act in accordance with this Federal Democracy Charter until interim constitution or Federal Democracy Union Constitution can be adopted and enacted.
- 2. Interim National Unity Government shall announce that all the laws, decrees, orders, instructions and orders that have power as of laws issued by the council of military junta (State Administration Council SAC) starting from 1st February 2021 are unlawful.
- 3. The laws, decrees, orders, instructions and guidance issued by Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw are in force until Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw amends or issues others at the request of Interim National Unity Government.
- 4. If it is necessary to add, develop and implement the strategic plans because of the political changes that have taken place during the implementation of the goal and strategic plans prescribed in this

Charter, Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Interim National Unity Government and National Unity Consultative Council shall collaborate and negotiate.

Chapter 8

Commitments on Building Federal Democracy Union

We shall implement the actions of Interim National Unity Government and legislative and judicial issues that will be complied with and undertaken in the interim period with collective leadership and collective accountability according to the Union vision, values, goal, objectives and political road map prescribed in Part I of this Charter.

We commit ourselves to bear and carry out only the interests of Federal Union and all the people in the issues related to politics, economy, society, international relations, defense and security that will be undertaken by Interim Government as prescribed in Part II of this Charter.

Acronyms

NUG: Interim National Unity Government NUCC: National Unity Consultative Council Constitutionalism: System based on constitution