

Union Accord

Part III

1. With the aim of the non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, while grounded in the principles of liberty, equality and justice; and in accordance with the Panglong spirit, the 4th Session of the Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong was held in Nay Pyi Taw from August 19-21, 2020, in order to establish the Republic of the Union of Myanmar into a Union based on democracy and a federal system that ensures democracy, equality of the national races, and the right to self-determination in accordance with the outcomes of the political dialogue.
2. At this Union Peace Conference, the proposals submitted by the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee (UPDJC) were further discussed, and it was agreed that the resulting proposals be incorporated as parts of the Union Accord).
3. The Union Accord, Part III signed at this Union Peace Conference includes the following twenty (20) points of agreement; and step-by-step process and phase-by-phase implementation to be carried out after 2020:
 - (A) Part 1—Fifteen (15) points of framework agreement on implementing the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (Addendum-A);
 - (B) Part 2—Step-by-step process and phase-by-phase implementation to be carried out after 2020 (Table 1) (Addendum-B); and
 - (C) Part 3—Five (5) points of agreement on the fundamental principles to establish a Union based on democracy and a federal system (Addendum- C).
4. In accordance with Paragraph 20(e) of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, the leaders (heads or representatives) of the respective groups and the witnesses signed the above agreements as Union Accord, Part III at the 4th session of the Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong.

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Union Accord Part III
Addendum-A Part (1)
Framework Agreement on Implementing the
Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA
(August 21, 2020)

1. To establish the Republic of the Union of Myanmar into a Union based on democracy and a federal system that ensures democracy, equality of the national races and the right to self-determination in accordance with the outcomes of political dialogue, while aiming towards the non-disintegration of the Union, the non-disintegration of national solidarity and the perpetuation of sovereignty; grounded in the principles of liberty, equality and justice; and in accordance with the Panglong spirit;
2. To ensure equal rights for all citizens residing within the Union and to prohibit discrimination against any citizen based on ethnicity, religion, culture or gender;
3. To establish a nation where there is a separation of religion and politics and there is no misuse of religion for political purposes;
4. To settle all disagreements between peace negotiators in good faith with an aim of establishing sustainable peace;
5. To ensure that the mutual assurances and promises contained in the Union Accord are observed; to carry out the peace process in a transparent, responsible and accountable manner; and to implement the Union Accord effectively without taking advantage of each other based on potential developments;
6. To strive for the protection of life, property and wealth of all people residing in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and improve their standard of living;
7. To identify the provisions within the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) that require further interpretation and meaning; and to hold substantive dialogue and discussions among the parties to produce common understandings and definitions of those provisions;

8. To review and discuss the actions and accomplishments of the Union Political Dialogue Joint Committee (UPDJC) and the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) within the respective committees; and to take necessary steps towards their further effectiveness and consolidation through bilateral consent and coordination;
9. To recognize the diversity of histories, traditions and cultures, literature, languages and national characteristics of all ethnic nationalities residing within the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; and to jointly establish a shared national character for the Union, distinct from and existing alongside those of the different ethnicities

(Note: The national character of the Union should represent the consolidated Union only);

10. To organize talks between all parties on certain provisions contained in the NCA that require further negotiation;
11. To agree to coordinate bilaterally on the phase-by-phase process and step-by-step implementation to be carried out after 2020 as adopted by the Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong in furtherance of establishing a Union based on democracy and a federal system that is necessary for building sustainable peace;
- 12.(A) To work towards successful implementation of the Union Accord; for the Government, the Hluttaw, the Tatmadaw and the NCA Signatory Ethnic Armed Organizations (NCA-S EAO) to implement in a responsible and accountable manner in order to faithfully pursue the original agreements reached as part of the Union Accord as well as fundamental principles, objectives and aims of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA); and to establish a mechanism for the implementation of the Union Accord through bilateral coordination;
- (B) To undertake bilateral negotiations on security sector reintegration in accordance with Paragraph 30 of the NCA; to discuss work programs; to implement bilaterally agreed preparatory undertakings; and to establish a mechanism for security sector reintegration through bilateral coordination with an aim of building sustainable peace in a Union based on democracy and a federal system;

(C) To implement the Union Accord in harmony with the implementation of work programs on security sector reintegration carried out in accordance with Paragraph 30 of the NCA;

13. To implement the provisions of the Union Accord and security sector reintegration in accordance with the Road Map set out in Paragraph 20 of the NCA;

14. To implement the provisions of the NCA through bilateral agreements reached at the regular meetings of the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee (UPDJC) and the different levels of the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) formed under the NCA; and to hold parallel bilateral negotiations; and

15. UPDJC may amend the Framework for Political Dialogue as needed based on the agreements arising from the Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong.

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Addendum- B

Part (2)

Stage by State work programmes and step by step implementations in the post 2020

(August 21, 2020)

Establishment of Union based on democracy and federal system	Democracy and Federal issues	Implementation steps		
		Political negotiation	Technical negotiation	Implementation
(Stage-1) Formulating principles for Union based on democracy and federal system	Establishing federal system Administrative reform			
(Stage-2) Implementing Union based on democracy and federal system	Economy and development Rights for financial sector Land and resource			
(Stage-3) Strengthening Union based on democracy and federal system	Developing democracy Social harmony Security reconciliation (in line with paragraph 30 of NCA)			

Union Accord Part III Addendum –C

Part (3)

Fundamental Principles to Establish a Union Based on Democracy and a Federal System

(August 21, 2020)

Preamble

With an aim of non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty; while grounded in the principles of liberty, equality and justice; and in accordance with the Panglong spirit, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar shall be established into a Union based on democracy and a federal system that ensures democracy, equality of the national races, and the right to self-determination in accordance with the following fundamental principles arising from political dialogue:

1. The nation [Republic of the Union of Myanmar] shall be established as a Union based on democracy and a federal system;
2. A separate and independent Constitutional Tribunal shall be established to settle constitutional disputes arising between the Union and the Regions/ States and among the Regions and States;
3. (A) Power, resources, revenue, and finances shall be shared between the Union and Regions/States in accordance with a federal system;
(B) The three sovereign pillars of legislative, executive and judicial powers shall be allocated to the Union, Regions/States, and Self-Administered Zones and Divisions. The Constitution shall allocate the legislative and joint powers among the Union, Regions/States, and Self-Administered Zones and Divisions;
(C) The Union and the Regions/States shall have the authority to exercise their allocated legislative, executive and judicial powers;
4. Regions/States shall have equal powers and have mutual respect for each other;
and
5. The fundamental rights and duties of all citizens shall be codified in the Constitution. Each citizen shall enjoy equality before the law and shall have equal protection of the law. Legislation must be enacted which will enable the

national races to protect rights such as culture, literature, language, faith and traditions.

Note: Regions/States shall have equal powers. The description of names shall be discussed in the future.