



Dear Dr. Surin Pitsuwan,

In the lead up to this year's elections in Burma, the military regime has kept political prisoners including democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi behind bars and increased military pressure against ethnic communities, intensifying the threat of conflict and unrest. The elections will bring the 2008 Constitution into effect, guaranteeing the military impunity for ongoing war crimes and crimes against humanity, and control over all sectors of government. The constitution and this year's elections will not bring democracy, peace or stability to Burma.

We, the people of Burma, want a real election, not a military selection. Genuine democratic elections in Burma require:

- 1) The release of all political prisoners, including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
- 2) Cessation of hostilities against ethnic and democracy groups
- 3) Genuine and inclusive dialogue with key stakeholders and a review of the 2008 Constitution

Due to fundamental flaws with these elections, key opposition leaders and parties have decided not to participate. It is now more imperative than ever that ASEAN supports the people of Burma and our calls for a genuine federal democracy.

I urge ASEAN member states to publicly denounce the military's elections and refuse to recognize the results unless the junta changes course and meets these minimum benchmarks.

Sincerely,

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