



# Burma Centre Delhi (BCD)

To restore peace, justice, Democracy and human rights in Burma

## MEMORANDUM

To  
Dr. Manmohan Singh  
Hon'ble Prime Minister  
Government of India

13 December 2011

Respected Sir,

Burma Centre Delhi appreciates the Government of India's goodwill invitation to Burma's Parliamentary Delegation to India in order to share its model of governance as the world's largest democracy.

We also extend our support on the recent reforms initiated by the new government of Burma headed by President U Thein Sein. These include convention of new Parliament, amendments of Political Party Registration and Election Laws, relaxation of media restrictions and the passage of a bill permitting peaceful protests.

However, the people of Burma continue to suffer serious human rights abuses on a daily basis even after the new government came into existence. Despite peace talks between Burmese regime and ethnic armed groups, human rights abuses, such as rape, forced labor, killings, torture and forced displacement are being committed by Burma Army soldiers in ethnic areas including Kachin and Karen states. Further, the Burmese regime continues to detain political prisoners and it has been estimated that more than 1,600 political prisoners remain in Burma's jails.

Therefore, we strongly urge the Government of India to take the opportunity to raise these serious human rights issues during Burma's parliamentary delegation's visit to India and push forward to take the following actions:

- Immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners;
- Declaration of a nationwide ceasefire with ethnic armed groups and cease attacks on ethnic communities; and
- Pass legislation to ensure that the NHRC operates independently and with a broad-based mandate to investigate violations of fundamental human rights.

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It is our sincere concern to support the Burmese people in their struggle for restoration of peace, human rights and genuine democracy in Burma.

Sincerely,



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