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Statement of 2nd Meeting of the Central Committee after the 14th KNU Congress

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The 2nd general meeting of the Central Committee (CC) after the 14th KNU Congress was successfully held from February 15 to 25.

The meeting was attended by 42 participants who were central standing committee members, candidate committee members and the heads of departments. The participants reviewed work programs laid down by the 14th KNU Congress, held free and frank discussions and made decisions for implementation of the work programs which could not have been implemented.

The meeting critically evaluated and analyzed the weaknesses and strengths of the KNU leadership, politically and militarily, in the more than 61-year long passage of the Karen revolution and decided to earnestly work for consolidating, more than ever, the leadership role of the KNU.

The meeting decided not to recognize entirely and to vigorously oppose the 2010 general election which is merely an extension of the 2008 constitution that was unilaterally drafted and adopted through fraud and coercion by the SPDC.

We, the participants of this Central Committee meeting, strongly condemn the SPDC for targeting the innocent civilians, as enemies for annihilation in its military operations, in areas inhabited by the Karen people. At the same time, we call on the SPDC again to stop immediately the attacks and killing of the innocent Karen civilians and to resolve the political problems by political means, in practice.

We urge the international community and the entire Karen people to continue their cooperation and participation to resolve the increasing difficulties and problems faced by the civilian populations, who have to flee and take refuge in the border areas, due to military offensives by the SPDC.

We the KNU will continue to cooperate with our allies, the ethnic nationality and democratic forces, in the resolution of current problems of the country, which are the civil war, lack of national unity and the general crisis.

With regard to the narcotic drug problem, we will continue to perform in accordance with the KNU policy of eradicating production, trafficking and abuse of narcotic drugs.

We call on the SPDC military clique to immediately release all the prisoners of conscience and political prisoners unconditionally, whom it has unjustly incarcerated and stop the military attacks on the Karen civilians.

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