

# Forum of Burmese in Europe

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## **The 12th Conference of Forum of Burmese in Europe FBE-Barcelona Declaration**

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- (1) We do not recognize SPDC military regime's illegitimate constitution which was forcibly approved unilaterally in 2008 by intimidations and vote-riggings in a sham referendum amidst unprecedented devastating Nargis cyclone crisis. And, we will strongly oppose by all means against the planned SPDC elections of 2010 in which no pro-democracy party and pro-democracy ethnic group inside Burma will participate.
- (2) Regarding the United Nations Security Council reforms, which were discussed in the "Intelligence Square Debate" on "BBC World Service" program on 07.02.2009, we call for expansion of UN Security Council to include more democratic countries in the Council. We also request the United Nations to invoke its "Responsibility To Protect (R2P)" to take Burma's military dictators to the "International Criminal Court (ICC)" for their "Crimes Against Humanity". Also, we urge the present National Coalition Government of Union of Burma (NCGUB) to make more vigorous efforts at the United Nations.
- (3) In accordance with the "Concept Paper" of National Council of Union of Burma (NCUB), we call for the expansion of the Coalition Government within 3 months to include ethnic leaders, academics and representatives of Patriotic Burmese in Europe. The FBE members from each European country are requested to put forward their views concerning the Concept Paper to the NCUB HQrs or NCUB London Office not later than 15th March 2009.
- (4) As the SPDC military regime, which illegitimately hold on power against people's wishes, is misusing the right to participate and debate as a representative of the people of Burma at the UN General Assembly, while the National Coalition Government of Union of Burma with people's mandate from

1990 elections could only attend the UN General Assembly as observers, we urge that the relevant institution should continue with the “Credentials Challenge” Project.

- (5) We recommend the “Norwegian Nobel Peace Committee” to consider Burma’s Buddhist monks and nuns who peacefully campaigned for democracy and human rights, but violently crushed by military regime during the people power movement in 2007, widely known as the “Peaceful Saffron Movement”, for Noble Peace Award 2009.
- (6) We urge the European Union to put tougher and more precise targeted sanctions on the Burmese military regime; and also, to ensure better accountability and transparency when European Union engage with the military regime to deliver humanitarian aid to the poor suffering people inside Burma and in border areas, to prevent military regime’s misappropriations of humanitarian aid and funds.

Lastly, but not least, we express our heartfelt thanks and appreciations to the following host institutions for their great hospitality and generosity during our 12th FBE conference in Barcelona, Spain:

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- The President and the Parliament of Catalunya
- The Director General and the Generalitat of Catalunya

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