

## All BURMA INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' Alliance

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We strongly condemn the military coup launched by the Tatmadaw on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. We welcome and support the nationwide public protests and strike actions against the military coup, and we stand in solidarity with these movements.

It is our belief that the national equality which ethnic nationalities have been fighting for can only be achieved through the creation of a new constitution based on federal democratic principles. Hence, we want to put forward the following recommendations to all ethnic nationalities, ethnic armed organizations and mainstream pro-democracy forces.

**We, the Myanmar Indigenous Alliance Force, hereby recommend to all ethnic armed organizations to fulfill your obligation to firmly stand together with your respective peoples and protect their lives and identities, by taking the following actions:**

1. Stand ready to provide assistance and support to the potential victims of a violent crackdown on protesters likely to be triggered by the military junta.
2. Refrain from all forms of collaboration with, or recognition of, the new military regime.
3. Strengthen political and military alliance-building among existing ethnic armed organizations.
4. Work together with pro-democracy ethnic forces to build on the current momentum towards a federal system that fully guarantees ethnic self-determination.

The 1 February military coup has clearly shown that Myanmar's political system, parliament and government structure devised according to the 2008 constitution are no longer capable of tackling the current political turmoil and armed conflicts. Therefore, it is crystal clear that we need to develop a new constitution which enshrines federal democratic principles and self-determination.

**We, the All Burma Indigenous People Alliance, hereby recommend to all mainstream pro-democracy forces to take the following actions:**

1. Ally with ethnic nationalities to abolish the 2008 constitution and to devise a new constitution that fully guarantees self-determination based on federal democratic norms and principles.
2. Collaborate with and build strong ties to ethnic nationalities, and work together to bring national equality and self-determination into full realization.
3. Work to build an alliance between Bamar-based pro-democracy forces, ethnic-based pro-democracy forces and ethnic armed resistance organizations.