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MYANMAR WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS NETWORK

## The Myanmar Women Parliamentarians Network Statement on “International Women’s Day 2023”

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In celebration of International Women’s Day 2023, the **Myanmar Women Parliamentarians Network** celebrate the accomplishments and salute the bravery of the women of Myanmar who emerged as leaders of its 2021 Spring Revolution with citizens rising up to oppose the Military Junta’s brutal takeover of their democratic government.

Today, we salute all women of Myanmar, from all walks of life, who have assumed positions of leadership in all forms of the Civil Disobedience Movement, resisting and opposition to the Military Junta at great personal risk, in order to restore democracy in our country.

We agree that this year’s International Women’s Day theme “**Embracing Equity**” is the pathway to a democratic and more inclusive society where gender equality is embedded as a fundamental value of our society.

The broad participation of Myanmar women, from all regions and ethnic communities, in the movement to oppose the Military Junta must be acknowledged as this reflects genuine progress towards meeting the goals of diversity and inclusion in the challenge of “**Embracing Equity**”.

As elected women parliamentarians at the national, state and region levels in our country, despite brutal threats and violence from the Military Junta, we have coordinated and established a network for women MPs by using technology and virtual platforms to continue our work to represent citizens. Myanmar’s women MPs have been instrumental in the creation and support of a federal school system offering education programs to students. We also assist citizens in receiving health and other services, including humanitarian aid, in the function of the governance and administrations.

We also are deeply involved in the work that is underway to create a new democratic constitution that will recognize the rights of all citizens, with gender equality as a core value.

In collaboration with women around the world, the **Myanmar Women Parliamentarians Network** will continue its efforts to build an inclusive global society which **embraces equality**.

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