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Statement of National League for Democracy (Liberated Area – UK)

In conjunction with the Central Committee Strategic Meeting 2008

In October 2008, on the special occasion of 20th Anniversary foundation of the National League for Democracy in Burma, we, delegates from all international (liberated-areas) branches of Burma's National League for Democracy held a special strategic meeting at our Head Quarters (in exile) on Thai-Burma border.

The National League for Democracy was founded in Burma 20 years ago, under the guidance and leadership of Burmese people's unrivalled leader *Daw Aung San Suu Kyi* who is a Noble Peace Laureate and also one of the most well known, and much respected and loved, icons of democracy all around the world. The National League for Democracy won the last general election in Burma in 1990 by a landslide, but the military regime always refused to honour the election results.

At the Strategic Meeting on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary, which was attended by elected people's representatives of 1990 elections, political activists, academics and specially invited guests in addition to delegates from international exile branches of the National League for Democracy, current practical situations on the ground in Burma in relations to recent developments in global politics was discussed in detail, and decided the following _

1. to try our best in all possible ways to get our detained leaders released as soon as possible
2. to call for the recognition of 1990 election results
3. to push for a sincere all inclusive round-table dialogue for the national reconciliation and democratization

And, to achieve these aims, we laid down the following tactical plans, at the strategic meeting _

- not to recognize or co-operate with the military junta's unilateral roadmap for disciplined democracy
- not to recognize the pro-military constitution which was forcibly approved by military junta in 2008 May referendum by vote-rigging and voter intimidations
- not to take part in the coming 2010 elections which will definitely NOT be free or fair
- to cooperate with all pro-democracy forces inside and outside the country to encourage and facilitate the emergence of peaceful pro-democracy people power movements inside Burma
- to cooperate with all pro-democracy forces inside and outside the country to pave the way for an all inclusive round-table dialogue for the formation of a truly democratic federal union

- international exile branches of the National League for Democracy will do our best in every way possible to help our mother party, the National League for Democracy inside Burma, which is now under immense oppression by the military junta
- to concentrate our efforts on mobilizing people's support for the National League for Democracy

We pledge, we all will in utmost solidarity carry on our struggle for democracy, for the sake of liberation of our long suffering people from under the yoke of brutal military dictatorship, regardless of however much difficulties and hardships we face along our way to victory and freedom.

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