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EU Presidency  
Portugal  
C/o The Ambassador  
Embassy of Portugal  
London

Re: Critical Political Situation in Burma

Dear Sir/Madam,

As it may have already come to your compassionate attentions, the utter poverty and sufferings of the people of Burma have been further worsened recently by military regime's dramatic and sudden fuel price hikes. So, people already deep in poverty became very frustrated and came out onto the streets to make peaceful marches asking for improved conditions.

The protests which started in Rangoon against fuel price hikes have now spread far and wide beyond Rangoon to many other towns and cities; to Tavoy in Southern tip of Burma, to Sittwe in West coast of Burma, to Yen-an Chaung and Kyauk Padaung in central Burma. And the scope of protests has become widened from one against fuel price hikes to the form of a general people power movement; now monks are starting a religion based movement; workers are calling for a general strike; students are holding political meetings; and elected people's representatives from Burma's main pro-democracy party, the National League for Democracy, are making public rallies against corruption and mismanagement of military regime in Mandalay, the second largest city of Burma.

But, as usual, the military regime responded to it by detaining leading activists of the movements; already nearly a hundred activists have been detained during the last a few days time and they are reported to be under intense interrogation by secret police who are notorious

to be quite keen on inhumane torture techniques. And information coming from reliable sources inside Burma said that military regime has a plan to crack down on National League for Democracy accusing it of inciting instabilities inside the country. Burma already has one of the worse human rights records in the world, and thousands of political prisoners, and the world's one and only imprisoned Nobel Peace Laureate. So, we are now gravely concerned by the recent developments in Burma.

And we, the National League for Democracy (Liberated Area, UK), an exile branch of the main pro-democracy party in Burma would like to request the European Union to \_

1. strengthen EU common position on Burma
2. to discuss Burma's recent critical situation in the coming EU Ministerial meeting
3. to make better efforts to put Burma's case on UN Security Council formal agenda

In conclusion, we'd like to urge the entire international community to take all possible actions on Burma before situations inside the country become utterly devastated.

**The National League for Democracy (Liberated Area, UK)**