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This statement is issued in accordance with the decision of the meeting of the Central Executive Committee (CEC) of the National League for Democracy (NLD) to inform the people about the letter No 028(org)/04/11 dated 5 April, 2011 sent by U Tin Oo, the Vice Chairman of the NLD to U Thein Sein, the President of the Republic of the Union of Burma.

(quote) **Subject:** The Rule of Law

U Thein Sein, the President of the Union, in his speech to the heads of the organizations at Union level and the members of the Union Government, delivered at Nay Pyi Daw on 31 March 2011 said that:-

“xxx The Rule of Law is prerequisite for building the country as a modern, prosperous democratic State xxx” and

“xxx When pursuing for the rule of law, the Judicial organizations shall stand on the basic judicial principles as specified in the Constitution, namely; administering justice independently according to law, dispensing justice in open court unless otherwise prohibited by law, guaranteeing in all cases the right of defence and the right of appeal under law”

These guidelines are warmly welcomed by the people. They are observed to be principal guidance for the rule of law.

Many cases charged and brought to court, before the new government during the time of State Peace and Development Council, by the people’s police force and the special branch, have been prosecuted inside the compound of Insein prison, contravening the judicial principles. Especially the principle of ‘dispensing justice in open court unless otherwise prohibited by law’ has been violated during the process. Even after the new government has been formed, the family of the accused or the interested persons still get no rights to hear the proceeding to the cases held in Insein prison compound.

Therefore further guideline of the President of the Union is called for in order to establish the rule of law in accordance with the existing guidance of the President.

As per the decision of the meeting if the CEC held on 4-4-11”(end quote)

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