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THE RELEASE OF DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI ON 13 NOVEMBER 2010

At the 7th Annual South East Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF) meeting held in Kuala Lumpur on 15-16 November 2010, the following statements were made in relation to the release of Aung Saan Suu Kyi on 13 November 2010,

1. SEANF regards the release of Aung Saan Suu Kyi as a partial victory for the long struggle for democracy in Myanmar. SEANF strongly feels that the release of Aung Saan Suu Kyi should also lead to the release of other political prisoners.
2. SEANF joins hands to work towards ensuring the unconditional protection of Aung Saan Suu Kyi's freedom. The Myanmar Government should guarantee that nobody would be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile. Full respect for the rights and fundamental freedoms of individuals, indigenous peoples and minorities should be accorded.
3. SEANF supports the process of peaceful discourse among and between different groups of people for the enhancement of human rights, democracy and the rule of law. Aung Saan Suu Kyi and peoples from all sectors of society should be given the opportunity to engage in fair political processes without the threat of being harmed.
4. SEANF looks forward to the opportunity when periodic, fruitful, free and fair elections would be held to reflect the will of the peoples of Myanmar for sustainable democracy.

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