

Letter from United States Mission to the United Nations

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Dear Ordinary Burmese Citizens:

Thank you for your letters and petitions, expressing your request for the immediate attention of the members of the Security Council to the situation in Burma.

The United States has long been concerned about the situation in Burma and has been actively engaged in a range of bilateral and multilateral efforts, including through the UN, to maximize the international pressure on the military junta to reform. The U.S. has imposed a broad range of bilateral sanctions, and has raised Burma previously in the Security Council. Notwithstanding these efforts, the military junta has continued to resist political change.

In the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly, the text of a resolution on the situation of human rights in Burma was adopted by consensus. The resolution expresses grave concern over the extension of house arrest and consistent harassment of senior leaders of the National League for Democracy, particularly Aung San Suu Kyi and her deputy, Tin Oo, and calls on the Myanmar Government to end systematic human rights violations and bring human rights abusers to justice.

The Security Council recently decided, unanimously, to hold consultations on the situation in Burma. A senior UN Secretariat official will provide a briefing to Council members at that time.

We appreciate hearing from you and wish to assure you that the U.S. supports Aung San Suu Kyi, the National League for Democracy, and all those who promote freedom, democracy and respect for human rights for all of the people of Burma.

Sincerely,