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<b>Country/ entity</b>	Myanmar
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	Statement on Initial Agreement between the Karen National Union (KNU) and Burmese Government
<b>Date</b>	13 Jan 2012
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Myanmar Conflict (1948 - ) )
<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Myanmar ceasefires process with ethnic armed groups
<b>Parties</b>	The 19-member KNU delegation held talks with Railways Minister, U Aung Min, and other representatives of the Burmese government
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	Short 1-page agreement outlines the 11 points of the KNU, including the establishment of a ceasefire, a guarantee of Human rights, the need for trust, the need for basic development, the need for involvement of the national media in the peace process, the end of forced labour, exploitation and other crimes against villagers, and so forth.

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### Groups

Children/ youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.

Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

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## State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/secession No specific mention.

Accession/unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

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## Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society Page 1, • The eleven points of the KNU proposal are:  
... 9. Ensure the legitimacy of representatives involved in negotiations, provide adequate time for their consultation with respective constituencies and establish a clear role for third parties.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

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## Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	Page 1, • The eleven points of the KNU proposal are: ... 2. Guarantee the human rights and safety of all civilians.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Slavery Page 1, • The eleven points of the KNU proposal are: ... 6. Immediately stop forced labour, arbitrary taxation and extortion of villagers.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

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## Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles Page 1, • The eleven points of the KNU proposal are: ... 5. Allow national media outlets to participate in the peace processes, in order to provide accurate information about developments.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

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## Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction      Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
Page 1, • The eleven points of the KNU proposal are:  
... 4. Support the basic needs of the people and ensure that development projects have the full participation and support of local villagers.

National economic plan      No specific mention.

Natural resources      No specific mention.

International funds      No specific mention.

Business      No specific mention.

Taxation      Socio-economic reconstruction→Taxation→Reform of taxation  
Page 1, • The eleven points of the KNU proposal are:  
... 6. Immediately stop forced labour, arbitrary taxation and extortion of villagers.

Banks      No specific mention.

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## Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights      Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management  
Page 1, • The eleven points of the KNU proposal are:  
... 7. Release all political prisoners and provide solutions to settle land rights issue.

Pastoralist/nomadism rights      No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

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## Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  
Page 1, • The KNU delegation reached an initial agreement with the Burmese government's representatives towards a ceasefire agreement. When the delegation returns to our headquarters, the KNU leadership will discuss about subsequent steps required in this dialogue with the Burmese government.  
  
Page 1, • The eleven points of the KNU proposal are:  
1. Establish a nationwide ceasefire and immediately cease military operations in ethnic areas.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.



Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/ organised crime	Page 1, • The eleven points of the KNU proposal are: ... 6. Immediately stop forced labour, arbitrary taxation and extortion of villagers.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/ pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	Page 1, • The eleven points of the KNU proposal are: ... 7. Release all political prisoners and provide solutions to settle land rights issue.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation Page 1, • The eleven points of the KNU proposal are:  
... 3. Build trust among the people.

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## Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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