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Country/ entity	Myanmar
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Statement on Initial Agreement between the Karen National Union (KNU) and Burmese Government
Date	13 Jan 2012
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Myanmar Conflict (1948 -))
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Myanmar ceasefires process with ethnic armed groups
Parties	The 19-member KNU delegation held talks with Railways Minister, U Aung Min, and other representatives of the Burmese government
Third parties	-
Description	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.

Gender

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

Family No specific mention.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or
international
human
rights
institutions No specific mention.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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