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Country/ entity	Myanmar
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Union Accord Part I (Pyidaungsu Accord)
Date	29 May 2017
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Myanmar Conflict (1948 -))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Myanmar 21st Century Panglong Process
Parties	Signatories transcribed from original: Dr Tin Myo Win, Government Coalition Representative U Tun Tun Hein, Hluttaw Representative Lieutenant General Maung Win, Representative of the Army Pado Saw Kw Htoo Win, EAO representative U Thu Wai, representative of political parties

Third parties	<p>Witnesses (transcribed from original):</p> <p>U Hton Phu Da Gon, representative of ethnic groups</p> <p>U Kyaw Win, representative of government coalition</p> <p>(reverend?) Sayadaw Talun Kye O, EAO representative</p> <p>Khun Than Myint, EAO representative</p> <p>U Tun Aung Kyaw, representative of ethnic political parties</p> <p>Ming Tun Myaing, representative of political parties</p>
Description	<p>This agreement was reached as part of the 21st Century Panglong Conference. It sets out broad principles for institutional arrangement of Myanmar: federalism, democracy, and sharing of competences in economic development. The agreement also puts forward principles of equality and non-discrimination, and affirms gender equality in land ownership and management.</p>

Agreement document	<p>MM_170529_Union Accord Part I.pdf  Download PDF</p>
Agreement document (original language)	<p>MM_170529_37 Basic Federal Principles of Union Accord Part 1_BU.pdf Download PDF</p>

Groups

Children/youth	<p>Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical Page 3:</p> <p>Social Sector Agreement (May 29,2017)</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>(3) To boost the socioeconomic condition and to effectively safeguard the rights and privileges of the aged, the disabled, women and children regardless of the race, religion and wealth.</p>
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Migrant workers	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Racial/ ethnic/ national group	<p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Anti-discrimination Page 3:</p> <p>Social Sector Agreement (May 29,2017)</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>(3) To boost the socioeconomic condition and to effectively safeguard the rights and privileges of the aged, the disabled, women and children regardless of the race, religion and wealth.</p>

Religious groups	<p>Groups→Religious groups→Anti-discrimination Page 3:</p> <p>Social Sector Agreement (May 29,2017)</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>(3) To boost the socioeconomic condition and to effectively safeguard the rights and privileges of the aged, the disabled, women and children regardless of the race, religion and wealth.</p>
Indigenous people	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Other groups	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Refugees/ displaced persons	<p>Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 2:</p> <p>Social Sector Agreement (May 29,2017)</p> <p>(1) To lay the program systematically that can forge the durable solution for the internally displaced people and refugees due to natural disasters, human activities and armed conflicts without discrimination by following the international norms of human rights.</p> <p>(2) To create the conditions for the internally displaced people and refugees due to natural disasters, human activities and armed conflicts to be able to settle and live in their home land or at any other place safely and with due regards.</p>
Social class	<p>Groups→Social class→Anti-discrimination Page 3:</p> <p>Social Sector Agreement (May 29,2017)</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>(3) To boost the socioeconomic condition and to effectively safeguard the rights and privileges of the aged, the disabled, women and children regardless of the race, religion and wealth.</p>

Gender

Women,
girls and
gender

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3. Defend the fundamental rights of the old, handicapped, women and children without discriminating in race, religion, rich or poor and to work for the development of their social life.

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[...]

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Men and boys Gender→Men and boys→Other
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LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state
(general) Page 1-2:
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Agreement of Principle on Political Sector

(29th May 29, 2017)

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State configuration

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Self determination

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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) Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references Page 1-2:
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(D) The 3 branches of the sovereign power of the State, namely legislative power, executive power and judicial power must be divided and entrusted to the Union, Regions, States and Self-administered Regions and areas. The Constitution must divide legislative powers and associated powers among the State, Regions, States and Self-administered Regions and Areas.

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(F) Union Government, Region and State Cabinets must have the right of enjoying taxes collected and development projects and resources, according to laws.

(G) Separate and independent tribunal on State Constitution must be set up for dealing with disputes on Constitution among Union and Regions and States or among Regions and States.

(H) Multi-Party Democracy

(A) Multi-Party democratic system must be practised.

(B) Free and fair elections must be held in accord with the prescriptions included in the Constitution.

Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→New political institutions (indefinite)

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Elections	<p>Page 2:</p> <p>Appendix (A)</p> <p>Agreement of Principle on Political Sector</p> <p>(29th May 29, 2017)</p> <p>Principles to be based in Federalism</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>4/ Principle on Federal Union (Organization & Division of Power)</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>(H) Multi-Party Democracy</p> <p>(A) Multi-Party democratic system must be practised.</p> <p>(B) Free and fair elections must be held in accord with the prescriptions included in the Constitution.</p>
Electoral commission	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Political parties reform	<p>Governance→Political parties reform→Other political parties reform</p> <p>Page 2:</p> <p>Appendix (A)</p> <p>Agreement of Principle on Political Sector</p> <p>(29th May 29, 2017)</p> <p>Principles to be based in Federalism</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>4/ Principle on Federal Union (Organization & Division of Power)</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>(H) Multi-Party Democracy</p> <p>(A) Multi-Party democratic system must be practised.</p> <p>(B) Free and fair elections must be held in accord with the prescriptions included in the Constitution.</p>
Civil society	<p>No specific mention.</p>

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

Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Federal or similar sub-divided
government

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Economic
power
sharing

Power sharing→Economic power sharing→Sharing of resources
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Basic principles for Federal Economy

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4. To allocate the national budget in a fair and equitable manner in accordance with the Constitution between the Union Government and Regions and States Governments and Governments of Self-administered Regions/ Zones.

Power sharing→Economic power sharing→Fiscal federalism
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Basic principles for Federal Economy

1. Effective implementation of market economy

(a) To draw firm policy, law , by-law, rules and regulations at every level such as Union, Regions and States and Self-administered Regions/Zones and promulgate them in order to be able to implement the market economy effectively.

Remark: The governing body of self-administered Regions and Zones has to carry out if there appears policy, laws, by-laws, rules and regulations which they have rights to draw and promulgate.

[...]

3. To take necessary actions to provide equal opportunities for the economic development in the respective Union, Regions and States and self-administered Regions/ Zones.

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5. To share the management rights in economic affairs among the Union Government, Regions and States Governments and Governments of Self-

Military power sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general Page 3:

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[...]

4. Include human rights, international, democracy and federal system norms in drawing up land policy.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights

Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Property
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Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Cultural life
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Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy Page 1:

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Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

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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

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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
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(b) To target to alleviate the poverty, to raise the living standard of the people, to narrow down the socioeconomic gap between the rich and the poor and finally aim to achieve sustainable development in promoting the private sector of national economy in line with the policy, law and by-law already set before.

(c) To deter economic transactions that will shed bad effect on the national interests in accordance with the law.

2. To promulgate the law that will deter the monopolization of economy by a person or an organization.

3. To take necessary actions to provide equal opportunities for the economic development in the respective Union, Regions and States and self-administered Regions/ Zones.

4. To allocate the national budget in a fair and equitable manner in accordance with the Constitution between the Union Government and Regions and States Governments and Governments of Self-administered Regions/ Zones.

5. To share the management rights in economic affairs among the Union Government, Regions and States Governments and Governments of Self-administered Regions/ Zones in accordance with the Constitution.

6. To formulate and implement short-term, medium-term and long-term economic projects with transparency, accountability and responsibility.

National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	<p>Page 3-4:</p> <p>Land and natural environmental sector agreement (29 May 2017)</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Preventive Program</p> <p>10. To aim toward protecting and maintaining the natural environment and preventing damage and destruction of lands that were social, cultural, historical heritages and treasured by ethnic nationals.</p>
International funds	No specific mention.
Business	No specific mention.
Taxation	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Taxation→Power to tax</p> <p>Page 2:</p> <p>Appendix (A)</p> <p>Agreement of Principle on Political Sector</p> <p>(29th May 29, 2017)</p> <p>Principles to be based in Federalism</p> <p>4/ Principle on Federal Union (Organization & Division of Power)</p> <p>(F) Union Government, Region and State Cabinets must have the right of enjoying taxes collected and development projects and resources, according to laws.</p>

Banks Socio-economic reconstruction→Banks→International finance
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Principles for Regional Development

[...]

(2) To draw the suitable plans and programs that can attract domestic and international investment in compliance with the prevailing law and implement it for the socioeconomic development of Regions and States and Self-administered Regions/ Zones.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/
rights Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management
Page 3-4:

Land and natural environmental sector agreement
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1. A countrywide land policy that is balanced and support people centered long-term durable development.
2. Based on justice and appropriateness
3. A policy that reduce central control
4. Include human rights, international, democracy and federal system norms in drawing up land policy.
5. Policy on land matter should be transparent and clear.
6. In setting up policy for land development, the desire of the local people is a priority and the main requirements of the farmers must be facilitated.

Ownership Right

7. All nationals have a right to own and manage a land in accordance with the land law. Women and men have equal rights.

Management Right

8. Both women and men have equal rights to manage the land ownership matters in accordance with the land law.
9. If the land right granted for an original reason is not worked on in a specified period, the nation can withdraw the granted right and concede it to a person who will actually do the work.

Preventive Program

10. To aim toward protecting and maintaining the natural environment and preventing damage and destruction of lands that were social, cultural, historical heritages and treasured by ethnic nationals.

Pastoralist/
nomadism
rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Tangible
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Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Other
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Water or riparian rights or access

No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Drugs	Page 3: Social Sector Agreement (May 29,2017) [...] 4. Setup programs as national duty to effectively prevent and eradicate matters relating to narcotic considered to be a national, political, security and rule of law problem.
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	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

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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