## Agreement between "Wa" Special Region and the Government

- (1) Both sides have reached agreement to continue implementing agreements signed in Lashio on 1 October, 2011.
- (2) It is agreed to adopt short-term or long-term socio-economic development plans in light of bilateral consultations to enable the Union government to participate in tasks for improvement of living standard of the national people in "Wa" Special Region (2) and for regional development.
- (3) The Union government agrees to help increase opportunities for national races youths in "Wa" Special Region (2) to pursue education with the mindset to develop their insights, to equip them with vocational education and to realize human resources development.
- (4) The Union government agrees to adopt long-term plans for cooperation of local people in treatment, prevention and education processes of healthcare to national people in "Wa" Special Region (2), acquiring health knowledge.
- (5) It is agreed to continue negotiating matters related to enable representatives of people in townships of "Wa" Special Region (2) take seats in each Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to represent desires of the people in "Wa" Special Region (2).
- (6) "Wa" Special Region (2) is an important part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. "Wa" Special Region (2) agrees to continue to hold talk to cooperate with defence forces of the State for security and defence of the State as one as it agrees not to disintegrate the State and secede from the State at all and to devote all the capacities of "Wa" Special Region (2) to perpetuation of the sovereignty of the State.

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