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To:

Amnesty International  
Avaaz  
Campaña Latinoamericana por el Derecho a la Educación  
Defense for Children International  
Global Campaign for Education  
Human Rights Watch  
KidsRights  
Malala Fund  
Plan International  
Save the Children  
World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP)  
World Vision International

**Re: Letter to Min Aung Hlaing ahead of the UN Transforming Education Summit in New York**

The below signatories of the 386 civil society organizations are writing to you, outraged by the letter your organizations co-signed on 11 August 2022 in which you addressed Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as “Prime Minister of the Government of Myanmar”. The letter sent to Min Aung Hlaing ahead of the United Nations Transforming Education Summit in New York also addressed sanctioned individual Wanna Maung Lwin as “Minister of Foreign Affairs” and Kyaw Zeya as “Ambassador Extraordinary” to France and “Permanent Delegate” to the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

This is an affront to the people of Myanmar who have sacrificed their lives to resist the Myanmar military’s attempt to seize power through a brutal and illegal coup.

Min Aung Hlaing is not the “Prime Minister” of Myanmar, he is the leader of an illegal coup attempt. The military junta is neither a legitimate government of Myanmar nor can it be said to control several key functions of the government. They must not be referred to and addressed as the representatives of the state of Myanmar.

Min Aung Hlaing and his murderous band of military generals has [killed](#) 2,189 and detained 12,000 people since 1 February 2021. They hold no legitimacy in the eyes of the Myanmar people. Rather, this letter should be sent to the National Unity Government of Myanmar which is formed on the basis of the 2020 elections results.

Several of these organizations work or have worked in Myanmar, purportedly to improve the lives and rights of the people of Myanmar. By issuing a letter that potentially bestows a misguided sense of legitimacy onto the junta is an abrogation of responsibility that these organizations have to their ‘beneficiaries’.

We demand that you withdraw this letter and make a formal public apology for the gross mistake and misrepresentation. Furthermore, this letter must be submitted to the National Unity Government who are the only entity that can legitimately represent Myanmar at the UNESCO education conference.

The gravity of the situation also calls for an internal investigation by the signatory organizations. It is imperative that such mistake do not occur again.

We await your swift action and response to this letter.

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Sincerely,

Signed by 386 civil society organizations, including 230 groups who have chosen not to disclose their names:

1. Actions Against Myanmar Military Coup (Sydney)
2. All Arakan Students and Youths' Congress
3. ALTSEAN-Burma
4. Arakan Rivers Network (ARN)
5. Asia Pacific Solidarity Coalition
6. Assistance Association for Political Prisoners
7. Association of Human Rights Defenders and Promoters
8. Association of United Nationality in Japan (AUN)
9. Association Suisse-Birmanie (ASB)
10. Athan - Freedom of Expression Activist Organization
11. Ayeyarwaddy Youths' Union
12. Basic Education Student Unions Network
13. Blood Money Campaign
14. Burma Human Rights Network
15. Burma Refugee Saving Association (B.R.S.A)
16. Burmese Women's Union
17. Chin Community of Japan (CCJ)
18. Chin MATA Working Group
19. Chin Resources Center
20. Chin Youth Organization of Japan (CYO-JP)
21. Colorfulspring (ရောင်စုံမြေခို)
22. CRPH, NUG Support Team Germany-Deutschland

23. Dawei Development Association - DDA
24. Dawei Youths in Japan (DYJ)
25. Dawna Tenasserim - IDPs Supply Force
26. Democracy, Peace and Women's Organization
27. Digital Rights Collective
28. Doh Atu - Ensemble pour le Myanmar'
29. Dragon Dawn
30. Educational Initiatives Prague
31. Equality Myanmar
32. European Karen Network (EKN)
33. Federation of Worker's Union of Burmese Citizens in Japan (FWUBC)
34. Free Rohingya Coalition
35. Future Light Center
36. General Strike Committee of Nationalities (GSCN)
37. General Strike Coordination Body – GSCB
38. GenY For Revolution Japan
39. Global Myanmar Spring Revolution
40. Global Myanmar Spring Revolution - Japan
41. Grass-root People
42. Green Network (Myeik)
43. Heroes Behind Bar
44. Hope For Youth -Kyushu Japan
45. HTY Scout Channel
46. HKASHI (သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် သယံဇာတများကို ချစ်မြတ်နိုးသောအဖွဲ့)
47. Human Rights Foundation of Monland
48. India For Myanmar
49. Information & Scout News (Hlaing)
50. Initiatives for International Dialogue
51. Insein Scout Channel
52. Inter Pares
53. Interfaith Youth Coalition on Aids in Myanmar (IYCA-Myanmar)
54. International Society of Myanmar Scholars and Professionals (Japan)
55. Japan Myanmar Future Creative Association (JMFA)
56. Japan Myanmar Help Network - JMHN
57. Justice For Myanmar
58. Kachin Affairs Organization -Japan (KAO (Japan)
59. Kachin Gender Star Group
60. Kachin Women Activist Group
61. Kamayut Scout Channel
62. Kansai Group Japan
63. Karen Human Rights Group
64. Karen National League Japan
65. Karen Peace Support Network

66. Karen Swedish Community (KSC)
67. Karen Women's Organization
68. Karenni Civil Society Network
69. Karenni National Society (KNS)Japan
70. Kayan Internally Displacement Supervising Committee (KIDSC)
71. Kayan Women's Organization
72. Keng Tung Youth
73. KnowUsMoreMyanmar (KUM)
74. Kobe Myanmar Community (KMC)
75. Kyauktada Strike Committee (KSC)
76. Kyimyindaing Scout Channel
77. Land In Our Hands
78. Lanmadaw,Latha & Pabedan Scout Channel
79. League For Democracy in Burma (L.D.B Japan)
80. LGBT Alliance Myanmar
81. LGBT Community Yangon
82. LGBT Union Mandalay
83. MASBO-Myanmar Active Students & Businesspeople Organization
84. Mayangone News
85. Metta Campaign Mandalay
86. MilkTeaAlliance Calendar
87. Minority Affairs Institute - MAI (Myanmar)
88. Mon Youth For Federal Democracy (MYFD)
89. Monywa LGBT Strike
90. Muslim Youth Network
91. Myanmar Action Group Denmark
92. Myanmar Alliance for Transparency and Accountability
93. Myanmar Development Support Group (MDSG)
94. Myanmar Nationalities' Support Organization – JP (MNSO)
95. Myanmar People Alliance (Shan State)
96. Myanmar Spring Revolution Japan (MSRJ)
97. Myanmar Tozan Club (MTC)
98. Netherlands Myanmar Solidarity Platform
99. Youth and Student Association, Japan (MYSA)
100. Myanmar's Youth Association Hokkaido (MYAH)
101. Network for Human Rights Documentation Burma (ND-Burma)
102. New Rehmonnya Federated Force
103. NOK Information & Scout Echo
104. North Dagon & East Dagon News
105. Nyan Lynn Thit Analytica
106. Okinawa Myanmar Association (OMA)
107. Olive Organization
108. Palaung National Society Japan, PNS-Japan
109. Palaw Supporting Group Japan

110. People's Hope Spring Revolution (PHSR)
111. Progressive Voice
112. Punnyakari Mon National Society Japan, PMNS-Japan
113. Revolution Tokyo Myanmar (RTM)
114. Second Tap Root
115. Shan Community in Japan (SCJ)
116. Shan MATA
117. Shizu Youth For Myanmar
118. Shwe Pyi Thar News
119. Sisters 2 Sisters
120. Sitt Nyein Pann Foundation
121. Sone See Yar (Volunteer Group)
122. South Dagon Scouting Infos (SDG)
123. Southern Youth Development Organization
124. Spring Revolution Interfaith Network-SRIN
125. Spring Revolution Myanmar Muslim Network-SRMMN
126. Spring Revolution Restaurant
127. Synergy - social harmony organization
128. Tai Youths Network Japan (TYNJ)
129. Tamwe Nway Oo Channel
130. Tanintharyi MATA
131. Tanintharyi Nationalities Congress
132. Tanintharyi People Voice
133. Thaketa & Dawbon Scout Channel
134. Thanlyin Information & Scout channel
135. Try Together At Japan (TTAJ)
136. Union of Karenni State Youth
137. Union of Myanmar Citizen Association – Japan
138. U.S. Campaign for Burma
139. Voice For Justice
140. We Are One Saga MOSA
141. We for All
142. We Support
143. White and Green
144. Women Activist Myanmar
145. Women Alliance Burma (WAB)
146. Women's League of Burma
147. Yangon Medical Network
148. Yaw Funding Japan
149. Yokohama Pamphlet Campaign - Myanmar
150. Youth Scout For Democracy (YSD)
151. Z Fighter News
152. Zeegwat News

153. ဂျပန်ပြည်မှတွဲလက်များ
154. တနင်္သာရီအခြေစိုက်ကျောင်းသားသမဂ္ဂများကွန်ရက်
155. ပွင့်ဖြူလယ်ယာမြေကွန်ရက်
156. 一般社団法人 ミャンマーグローバル支援財団 (MGSF)