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## **CNF Statement on Its Decision to sign the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement**

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1. The Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) is a result of almost two years of negotiations between the Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs) and the government which began in 2013. The Chin National Front actively participated in the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team (NCCT) and the Senior Delegation of the Ethnic Armed Organizations for Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (SD) in the processes of drafting the NCA.
2. The Ethnic Armed Organizations have agreed on all the facts in the NCA except the matter of which Organizations will sign the NCA.
3. The international communities including the United Nations will participate as witnesses in the signing of the NCA as negotiated and agreed, and they will help the peace processes of the Union of Burma.
4. The Chin National Front has consistently strived to include all for the signing of the NCA and for the political dialogues. The CNF tried its best from the negotiations of the NCCT to the SD, until the meeting of the top 5 leaders of EAOs, three leaders of SD, one leader from NCCT and the President in Nay Pyi Taw. All organizations that attended the EAOs' summit agree to sign the NCA. Although there are EAOs that will not be able to sign NCA at this time, CNF will continue to strive to include all.
5. The effort to amend the 2008 constitution in parliament has not been successful. The CNF will attempt to reach the Union Accord and amend the constitution through political dialogues after the signing of the NCA.



6. The CNF will move forward to political dialogue from the NCA as it has consistently demanded to resolve political problem through political means.
7. The EAOs' Summit from September 28-30, 2015, reached mutual understanding on the signing of the NCA with different approaches for those groups that are able to sign the NCA now and those groups that are not. Therefore, the CNF will sign the NCA as per the resolution of its emergency Central Committee meeting held from September 20-23, 2015.
8. The signing of the NCA is only the first step out of the seven step political roadmap in the NCA. Therefore, moving forward from the NCA to all inclusive political dialogues, the CNF will cooperate with the Chin people to establish a democratic federal union with full rights of self-determination that the Chin people seek.

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