

Chin National Front General Headquarters CHINLAND

Statement of the 2nd Central Committee Meeting: The 3rd General Conference Tenure Chin National Front

- 1. The Chin National Front reiterates that it is essential that the aims of the National Convention, which is to be resumed in February 2005, be one that will lead to the realization of a genuine federal democratic state, national reconciliation and a "tripartite dialogue." The following condition should underpin the National Convention:
 - (a) To release all political prisoners;
 - (b) To grant all political parties the freedom to organize without interference;
 - (c) To declare a nation-wide ceasefire:
 - (d) To review the 6 basic guidelines and (104) articles approved in pervious Convention;
 - (e) To recognize only elected members and genuine representatives of ethnic nationalities as eligible delegates to the Convention;
 - (f) To ensure the freedom to express, impart and disseminate information during the course of the proceedings. The United Nations and international observers should be allowed to supervise the proceedings; and
 - (g) To implement the decisions duly approved in the Convention.
- 2. The meeting reaffirms the Chin National Front's Third General Conference decision of November 2003 concerning a ceasefire talk between the CNF and State Peace and Development Council. We welcome the efforts of the Peace Commission in this regard.
- 3. The meeting also reaffirms the decision of the Second General Conference of 1997, which agreed to strictly adhere to the principles of Geneva Convention regarding military codes of conduct, and the prohibition of the use and recruitment of child soldiers.
- 4. We welcome the resolution of both Houses of the United States Congress authorizing the President to put forward Burma's agenda to the United Nations Security Council. We respectfully call on the President to follow this through as soon as possible.
- 5. In accordance with its strict anti-drug policy, the Chin National Front welcomes the resolution of India's Mizoram-based Young Mizo Association to designate the year 2005 "Anti-Drug Year." The Chin National Front is ready to join hands with regional organizations, governments of neighboring countries and the international community in the fight against illegal drugs.
- 6. We recognize that the promotion of the role of the ethnic nationalities is becoming more vital in the process of resolving current political problems facing the Union of Burma. The Central Committee meeting of Chin National Front of the Third General

Conference Tenure, held from January 10-25, 2005 resolutely agreed that the CNF will play a more active role in the areas of alliance with other nationalities. To this end, the Chin National Front will commit all its resources, including its political and military capabilities.

Central Committee Chin National Front January 26, 2005