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**Press release on peace talk between Union
Peace-making Work Committee and ethnic
armed organizations for nation-wide ceasefire**

1. The peace talks for signing the nationwide ceasefire deal between Union Peace-making Work Committee and ethnic armed organizations were held in Majwel Hall in Myitkyina in Kachin State on November 4-5, 2013. It was attended by Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee Union Minister U Aung Min and party and leaders and reps of ethnic armed organizations. UNSG's Special Representative to Myanmar Mr Vijay Nambiar and Asian Special Representative of the People's Republic of China Wang Ying Fan also attended the meeting as observes.
2. The nationwide ceasefire common principles of ethnic armed groups (Laiza Agreement) drafted by Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team (NCCT) formed with leaders of ethnic armed organizations were discussed and transferred to the Union Peace-making Work Committee.
3. Similarly, the nationwide ceasefire accord between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and ethnic armed groups drafted by the Union Peace-making Work Committee was transferred to the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team.
4. The meeting agreed on the following facts so as to reach the political agreement:-
 - (a) Reaching nationwide ceasefire deal
 - (b) Designing policy framework for political dialogue
 - (c) Holding political dialogues
5. The NCCT will coordinate with ethnic armed groups for nationwide ceasefire deal and agreed to hold discussions with Union Peace-making Work Committee in Hpa-an in Kayin State in December, 2013.
6. This joint press release is to communicate the public that the delegates from both sides were encouraged by the fruitful cooperation in the meeting that could bring an end to the more-than-60-years-long armed conflicts and agreed to hold political dialogue as soon as possible.

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