



## **Human Rights Council**

### **Resolution 8/14.            Situation of human rights in Myanmar**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided* by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights, and reaffirming Council resolutions S-5/1 of 2 October 2007, 6/33 of 14 December 2007 and 7/31 of 28 March 2008,

*Welcoming* the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Myanmar (A/HRC/8/12) while calling on the Myanmar authorities to extend full cooperation to the Special Rapporteur, including by inviting him to visit Myanmar as soon as possible,

*Being deeply concerned* that the urgent calls contained in the above-mentioned resolutions, as well as of other United Nations bodies concerning the human rights situation in Myanmar have not been met and further emphasising that, without significant progress towards meeting these calls of the international community, the human rights situation in Myanmar will continue to deteriorate,

*Expressing* its condolences to those who suffered loss as a result of Cyclone Nargis, and welcoming the efforts of international, regional and national organizations to bring relief to the survivors of this natural disaster and noting the commitment made by the authorities of Myanmar, on 25 May, to grant unfettered access to relief workers to the affected areas,

*Expressing also* its deep concern that the country's political processes are not transparent, inclusive, free and fair, and at the decision of the Government of Myanmar to proceed with the constitutional referendum in an atmosphere of intimidation and in disregard with international standards of free and fair elections at a time of dire humanitarian need,

*Being concerned* about reported widespread violations of human rights and international humanitarian law in the Kayin State and Bago Division,

*Being most concerned* by the decision, once again, to extend the house arrest of the General Secretary of the National League for Democracy, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, on 27 May 2008, and by reports that there are as many as 1,900 other political prisoners, many held without charge and in unknown locations,

*Being concerned* that no effort has been made to investigate and prosecute the perpetrators of the violent crackdown on peaceful mass demonstrations of September 2007 and of the ensuing human rights violations, including enforced disappearances, arbitrary detentions, torture and ill treatment,

1. *Condemns* the ongoing systematic violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms of the people of Myanmar;
2. *Strongly urges* the Government of Myanmar to desist from further politically motivated arrests and to release all political prisoners without delay and without conditions;
3. *Calls upon* the Government to fully implement the commitments it has made to the Secretary-General on granting immediate, full and unhindered access by relief workers to all persons in need throughout the country, to cooperate fully with all humanitarian organizations, in particular in the Irrawaddy Delta, to refrain from sending people back to areas where they cannot have access to emergency relief and to ensure that return is voluntary and occurs in safety and with dignity;
4. *Strongly urges* the Government of Myanmar to end all forms of discrimination and protect civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, on the basis of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and, in particular, to comply with its human rights obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in this regard;
5. *Condemns* the recruitment of child soldiers into both the Government armed forces, contrary to its international obligations, and non-State armed groups, and calls for an absolute and immediate stop to this appalling activity;

6. *Calls for* a full, transparent, effective, impartial and independent investigation into all reports of human rights violations, including enforced disappearances, arbitrary detentions, torture, ill treatment, forced labour and forced displacement, and for bringing those responsible to justice in order to end impunity for violations of human rights;

7. *Strongly calls* on the Government of Myanmar to engage in a real process of dialogue and national reconciliation with the full and genuine participation of representatives of all political parties and ethnic groups who have been excluded from the political process;

8. *Expresses* its strong support for the good-offices mission and commitment of the Secretary-General, and encourages the Government of Myanmar to take early steps to admit his Special Representative on Myanmar, Ibrahim Gambari, to facilitate a genuine and inclusive political process, and calls on the Government of Myanmar to ensure full cooperation with the Secretary-General, his representative and the Special Rapporteur;

9. *Strongly urges* the Government of Myanmar to receive, as soon as possible, the Special Rapporteur and to cooperate fully with him to implement the recommendations contained in his reports (A/HRC/6/14, A/HRC/7/18, A/HRC/7/24 and A/HRC/8/12), as well as Council resolutions S-5/1, 6/33 and 7/31;

10. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to report to the Council on the fulfilment of his mandate, and in particular, on the implementation of its relevant resolutions;

11. *Decides* to remain seized of this matter.

28th meeting  
18 June 2008

[Adopted without a vote.]