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General meeting of the 3rd Central Standing Committee (CSC) of the 14th KNU Congress was successfully held from December 14 to 18, 2010. Twenty three CSC members, 10 candidate members and one specially invited member attended the meeting, reviewed the political, military and social problems the KNU had to face and laid down future work programs.

The meeting deliberated especially on the political, military, economic, international and social situations that could arise in post 2010 election period and decided to make necessary preparations for overcoming all the probable difficulties and problems.

As the parliament and government that would come into being according to the SPDC Road Map were for realization of the 2008 Constitution, the meeting adopted the view that instead of resolving the problems faced by Burma, it would create more insecurity and conflicts, especially in the political and military fields.

With a view to realizing national reconciliation, the meeting resolved to strive for the emergence of genuine tripartite dialogue.

Though Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has been released from house arrest, since the unconditional release of thousands of political prisoners is imperative, we, the KNU CSC meeting, have decided to apply pressure for obtaining result. Similarly, we have decided to give recognition to the struggle of the students, Buddhist monks and people, including members of the armed forces at the lower levels, for liberation from various problems and crises, and the stand of the ceasefire groups which have refused to accept transformation to Border Guard Force.

We have also decided to make forceful effort to end immediately the worsening situation resulting from general human rights violations against the Karen people brought on by the SPDC military offensive and operational activities.

In conclusion, we affirm our determination to fight on hand in hand with the people inside the country, the international forces and the allies, until the emergence of a genuine federal union.

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