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## Statement of Central Standing Committee 7th Emergency Meeting following KNU 16th Congress

July 23, 2020

The 7<sup>th</sup> Emergency Meeting of the Central Standing Committee (CSC) following the KNU 16<sup>th</sup> Congress was successfully held from July 21 to 23, 2020. The meeting was attended by 39 out of the 52 Central Standing Committee members and 7 especially invited persons.

In the CSC meeting, the analytical political report submitted by the KNU Central Executive Committee was discussed and adopted.

After discussions on challenges relating to implementation of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), the consolidation of ceasefire and programs of joint monitoring of the ceasefire, future programs were laid down.

Discussions were also held on matters relating to the Union Peace Conference (the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Pinlong), continuation of the peace process in the post-2020 period, the establishment of a democratic federal union and the continuation of meaningful political discussions and dialogue having a guarantee.

For the establishment of a federal union, the 7<sup>th</sup> Emergency Meeting of the KNU Central Standing Committee decided to continue with the implementation of political dialogue relating to the peace building program, laid down by the KNU, in cooperation with the Karen people, the other ethnic armed organizations, the political parties, political forces and civil society organizations.

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