



## **Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS)**

### **Statement on the occasion of 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Shan State National Day**

Date: 7 February 2018

1. The 7<sup>th</sup> February Shan State National Day, which was the watershed that has led to the occurrence of Panglong Agreement and the Union Day, has come to be 71 years today, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Although the Union of Myanmar has been independent for 70 years thanks to the Panglong Agreement, due to the almost 70 years of civil war, all the nationalities of the Union have not yet been able to fully enjoy the fruits of independence.
2. In 2011, in order to solve political problems by political means through political dialogues, the government led by U Thein Sein had opened the way to a peace process which has led to the signing of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) and the initiation of political dialogues to find ways to establish a genuine federal union.
3. Although the present government, led by the National League for Democracy (NLD), has made the peace process its priority and has exerted great efforts, due to various reasons there has not been progress as much as it should have been. In order for the peace process to be able to proceed smoothly and be successful, Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) will work in coordination and cooperation with the government, the Tatmadaw, the ethnic armed organizations and the other relevant parties and organizations.
4. In order to be able to establish a federal union that is fully based on the principles of democracy, national equality and self-determination, RCSS will, in keeping with the NCA, strive by joining hands with all the stakeholders, and at the same time will also strive to achieve Shan State National Unity, to the best of its ability.

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