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Joint Statement by Domestic Election Observer Organizations

There is a growing concern within the public that the electoral disputes over the results of the 2020 general elections and different electoral processes would cause post-election instability, the delay of the peaceful power transition, and even the country’s democratic transition to a halt. In these 2020 general elections, the domestic election observer groups deployed their observers to observe different processes such as the voter list display, campaign activities, advance voting during the pre-election period, voting process on election day, and the tabulation process. Besides the shortcomings in the electoral legal framework, observers also found some inconsistencies in election administration and weaknesses in implementation during the COVID-19 pandemic situation. However, the domestic election observer groups found that the results of the elections were credible and reflected the will of the majority voters.

We, the domestic election observer groups believe that only a meaningful discussion and dialogue among different political parties would be the right way to address weaknesses and shortcomings, and to amend the electoral legal framework. Therefore, we urge all other political parties and the Tatmadaw to respect the election result and to collaborate with different stakeholders to ensure post-election stability and a peaceful power transition. We, the domestic election observer groups are also willing to work with all political parties for electoral reform in the future.

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