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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.

Bago Observer Group (ပဲခူးဒေသလေ့လာစောင့်ကြည့်ရေးအဖွဲ့)

CAN Myanmar (လူထုပိုင်ခွင့် ညှိနှိုင်းဖော်ဆောင်ရေးအဖွဲ့)

Hornbill Organization (အောက်ချင်း အရပ်ဘက်လူမှုအဖွဲ့အစည်း)

Kadu Youth Development Association (ကဒူးလူငယ်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးအသင်း)

Myanmar Election Observation Network -MEON (မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရွေးကောက်ပွဲစောင့်ကြည့်လေ့လာသူများကွန်ရက်)

Myanmar Independent Living Initiative (မြန်မာနိုင်ငံမသန်စွမ်းသူများရှေ့ဆောင်အဖွဲ့)

Myanmar Network Organization for Free and Fair Elections (မြန်မာ့ဖရိုဖရို)

New Myanmar Foundation (နယူးမြန်မာဖောင်ဒေးရှင်း)

People's Alliance for Credible Elections (ရွေးကောက်ပွဲဆိုင်ရာပြည်သူ့လှုပ်ရှားမှုအဖွဲ့)

Peace and Justice Myanmar (ငြိမ်းချမ်းမျှတလူမှုအဖွဲ့အစည်း)

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Rainmaker