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To

His Excellency Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
First Avenue at 46th Street
New York, NY 10017

Date: May 21, 2008

Dear Secretary-General,

We started the 3000-mile long march from Portland, Oregon to New York City on March 1 for peace and freedom in Burma.

During our march to New York, Burmese people living in the US send petitions to us. We are planning to submit these petitions to you in person when we get to New York.

As of today, we have marched about 2,000 miles. We hope to get to New York by August 8. We urgently send this petition to you from Iowa because of the critical situations currently going on in Burma.

As you are aware, people in Burma under the military regime have been losing democracy and human rights for twenty years.

Moreover, the so-called State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) has been ignoring the plights of the victims of Cyclone Nargis that hit the delta region on May 2. In addition, the reclusive SPDC government is blocking humanitarian aids from the international community as well as from local donors in various ways. Some local volunteers who tried to provide relief are being attacked by the pro-junta miscreants. Some cyclone survivors are being forced to go back to the cyclone-ravaged areas. In some areas, the local authorities even confiscate the relief supplies provided by the local and international communities from the victims and selling them at high prices.

In order to maintain its legitimacy, the arbitrary SPDC regime is planning to hold the referendum in the cyclone-affected areas instead of providing emergency needs to the victims.

Therefore, the lives of the people in Burma are being threatened by the recent natural disaster in addition to the ruthless oppressions by the tyrannical regime that has been ruling the country with an iron hand for twenty years.



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On behalf of the people of Burma, we urge you to push the Security Council to immediately make a strong resolution in order to save the people in Burma from various troubles that they are sadly experiencing now and to stop the inhuman acts of the military regime.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)
Athein

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