



**International Conference on
“Towards a Global Advocacy for People’s Security, Peace with Justice, and
Democratisation in Myanmar”**

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COMMUNIQUÉ

Building on the commitments made during the international conference on “Towards a Global Advocacy for People’s Security, Peace with Justice, and Democratisation in Myanmar” held in Bangna, Bangkok, Thailand, the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA), the regional ecumenical organisation which has consultative status with UN ECOSOC, organised a second international conference as part of the Myanmar Ecumenical Solidarity Accompaniment Programme (MESAP). The conference, held from 26 to 28 November 2025, brought together 70 participants, including representatives from churches and ecumenical bodies across Asia, North America, and Europe, as well as NGOs, civil society groups, international partners, and scholar-practitioners. The International Conference was held at the Payap University Campus in Chiang Mai with a shared commitment pertinent to the current context of Myanmar and part of our common commitment to the people and communities in the conflict-ridden Myanmar, and seek the global community’s accompaniment towards international cooperation, federal democratic governance, people’s security, and peace with justice.

The conference resulted in several key outcomes: a shared analysis of the ongoing situation in the country, the initiation of advocacy among intergovernmental and multilateral bodies, a roadmap for building a global ecumenical advocacy network on Myanmar based on just-peace; strengthened collaboration among ecumenical partners, civil society, and policy experts; and the initiation of advocacy priorities and action plans for future engagement, including responses to the humanitarian needs in earthquake-affected areas and as well as the prospects of the December 2025 elections in Myanmar.

Current Situation in Myanmar

The international conference was convened in the context of ongoing crises in Myanmar, especially the escalating armed conflict, growing humanitarian crises, a recent earthquake, continued instability in ethnic minority-controlled areas, and the upcoming elections scheduled for 28 December 2025 onwards. The military coup in February 2021 further undermined democratic governance, increased impunity for violations of human rights and international humanitarian law and intensified the systematic closing of civic space in areas under junta control. The civilian population in the country continues to face insecurity and widespread displacement. While humanitarian assistance is urgently needed for both human-made and natural disasters, current efforts remain insufficient. Human dignity and

human rights continue to be violated with impunity. Meanwhile, international attention to the situation in Myanmar is declining, lacking both a united global response and strong action by ASEAN, the United Nations, and other multilateral bodies.

Given the current situation in Myanmar today, we express our deep concern about the following: the lack of protection for civilians, especially women and youth, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, and displaced people, ongoing threats to peace, security, and lack of federal democratic governance, the risk of legitimising non-inclusive elections, and the growing danger of political instability.

We, the participants, reaffirm our commitment to social transformation that promotes justice, social cohesion, and human rights. Strengthening collaboration among churches, ecumenical bodies, the diplomatic community, civil society, NGOs, and scholar-practitioners is essential. The Myanmar Ecumenical Solidarity Accompaniment Programme (MESAP), initiated by CCA as per the recommendation and subsequent decisions by CCA since the international conference in November 2024, provides a unified platform for the coordination of Myanmar ecumenical solidarity, advocacy, and accompaniment.

In order to reach the objectives of MESAP, our strategies will include: implementing context-sensitive programmes of accompaniment, advocacy, humanitarian assistance, and decolonial peacebuilding that prioritise locally led initiatives across all ethnic communities in Myanmar; strengthening the ecumenical advocacy movement to advance the needs and further promoting interests for peace-building among these communities; expanding advocacy efforts within ASEAN, the United Nations, and other multilateral bodies; disseminating verified information from affected communities; and ensuring that the situation in Myanmar remains visible on the global policy agenda.

Our Commitments

We commit to working with our governments, the UN, and ASEAN to take stronger measures to protect civilians, women and youth, ethnic minorities, and displaced communities, and to ensure unrestricted humanitarian access and safe corridors for aid delivery. At the same time, within our churches and other faith-based communities, we commit to being engaged in advocacy that strengthens international solidarity and coordinates global advocacy and accompaniment efforts.

We commit to working with United Nations agencies to ensure monitoring of human rights situations in Myanmar, and work towards unhindered humanitarian access to the affected communities. We commit to supporting faith-based organisations in acting as peacemakers and engaging in diplomatic efforts to advocate for an inclusive transition to democracy and the positive transformation of society within the framework of a federal democratic governance structure.

We commit to actively partnering with member churches, national ecumenical councils of the CCA, and the World Council of Churches (WCC), and international ecumenical partners

from different parts of the world to engage with local churches and faith-based organisations in Myanmar and neighbouring countries for their deeper engagement on working towards peace with justice, reconciliation, humanitarian and development efforts, and response to mass-displacement including statelessness, while providing steadfast solidarity and advocacy efforts.

We commit to working with civil society and non-governmental organisations to disseminate credible information aimed at promoting and protecting civilian lives and property. We commit to supporting scholar-practitioners in conducting data-driven and evidence-based studies on people's security and human rights situations in Myanmar.

We urge ASEAN to uphold a people-centred security approach that prioritises meaningful engagement with civil society in Myanmar. We commit to engaging regional organisations to facilitate humanitarian corridors and provide effective disaster response support. We call for steps to ensure the elections in December 2025 are conducted transparently and credibly; to continue advocacy addressing the humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding of Myanmar's diverse ethnic communities. We commit to protecting civilian populations, ensuring access to humanitarian services, supporting a democratic process led by all ethnic groups in Myanmar, rejecting recognition of central authority lacking inclusivity and legitimacy, and sustaining long-term international solidarity and engagement.

We commit to pray for the people of Myanmar, and churches who live amidst vulnerable situations, especially in the conflict-affected areas. As we enter the Advent season, we live with the hope of the promise of "Peace on Earth".

We encourage all participants of the international conference on Myanmar to engage continuously with all ethnic communities, advancing peace with justice, and long-term transformation in partnership with local communities and global ecumenical networks. We pledge steadfast support for dignity, justice, and inclusive governance for all people in Myanmar.

Grounded in hope, we believe that a federal democratic governance structure will soon emerge in Myanmar. We trust that the enduring spirit of compassion will turn sorrow to joy, aggression to friendship, despair to hope, and anxiety to calmness. We uphold the dignity and rights of all people in Myanmar and look towards a future where people of Myanmar will be able to live in safety, well-being, and in a situation where lasting peace will prevail.