Burma Alert: Action Needed Now

Public Seminar in the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
Sněmovní 2, Prague 1

November 6, 2007

The seminar hosts are Members of the Parliament of the Czech Republic:
Marek Benda, Petr Bratský, Tomáš Dub, Jan Hamáček, Kateřina Jacques, Cyril Svoboda

9:00 – 9:30  Opening Session

Welcome Remarks
Petr Bratský, Member of Parliament, Czech Republic

Keynote Address
Václav Havel, former President, Czech Republic
Alexandr Vondra, Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs, Czech Republic

Video-message from Burma

9:30 – 11:00  Burma: Democrats and Independent Civil Society

Bo Kyi, Joint Secretary, Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, Thailand
Nang Hseng Noun, Presidium Board Member, Women's League of Burma, Thailand
Soe Aung, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, National Council of the Union of Burma, Thailand
Harn Yawnghwe, Director, Euro-Burma Office, Belgium

Questions and Answers
Panel lead by parliamentarians: Tomáš Dub, Cyril Svoboda

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00  International Support to Burmese Democratic Movement

Statement by Edward McMillan-Scott, Vice-President of the European Parliament
Gabriela Dlouhá, Head of Human Rights and Transition Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
Sein Win, Prime Minister of the Exiled National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, USA
Charles Chong, Member of Parliament and Member of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Myanmar Caucus, Singapore
Mary Thompson-Jones, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the USA in Prague
Stuart Summers, Political Secretary, British Embassy in Prague

Questions and Answers
Panel lead by parliamentarians: Marek Benda, Lazslo Nagy, Silver Meikar

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch (by special invitation only)

14:00 – 15:30  Recommendations by Representatives of Burmese Advocacy Groups

Mark Farmaner, Acting Director, Burma Campaign UK, United Kingdom
Igor Blaževič, Head of Human Rights and Democracy Department, People in Need, Czech Republic
Maureen Aung-Thwin, Burma Project/Southeast Asia Initiative Director, Open Society Institute, USA
Debbie Stothard, Director, Altsean Burma, Thailand

Questions and Answers
Panel will be lead by parliamentarians: Petr Bratský, Kateřina Jacques

15:30 – 16:00  Coffee Break
Preparation of the Final Statement by the Parliamentarians

16:00 – 17:00  Parliamentarians Statement Released
Final Remarks