

## Statement on the Sixth Congress of the Women's League of Burma (WLB)

27 January 2011

The Sixth Congress of the Women's League of Burma was held in a liberated area near the Thai-Burma border from 24 - 26 January 2011. It was attended by fifty-nine representatives from member organizations including program coordinators, regional focal points and members of the Advisory Team.

The Congress reviewed the programs, amended the constitution, laid down future strategic work plans for two years' term. The Congress also analyzed the current political situation. WLB sees that the new so-called civil government after the 2010 elections based on the SPDC's 2008 Constitution, will never bring about genuine political change in Burma.

WLB will intensify our efforts to gain the international support to set up the UN Commission of Inquiry on violations of human rights in various forms committed by the Burmese military regime. WLB will also continue to advocate for the referral of Senior General Than Shwe and other military leaders to the International Criminal Court (ICC) to try for crime against humanity and war crimes including sexual violence against women. Moreover, WLB will keep our cooperation with other political forces for the political actions in accordance with WLB's policies in order to end military dictatorship towards democracy and genuine federal union.

To consolidate our advocacy actions inside Burma, WLB decides to use media as our strategic tool in carrying out WLB's programs: Peace and Reconciliation, Women Against Violence and Political Empowerment.

The Women's League of Burma (WLB) is an organisation working for the advancement of the status of women towards a peaceful and just society. It was established on 9 December 1999 by twelve women's organizations based along Burma's borders with Bangladesh, India, and Thailand. The Congress welcomes the Kayan Women's Organization (KyWO) as our new member.

The WLB member organizations named their Presidium Board members and elected three secretariat members for the 2011-2012.

## The Secretariat Members elected are:

General Secretary

Joint- General Secretary 1

Joint- General Secretary 2

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