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H.E. Htin Kyaw
President-elect of Myanmar
National League for Democracy

Your Excellency:

The Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) would like to extend its warmest congratulations to Your Excellency on your election as President of Myanmar. After 50 years of military rule, we are elated that the first democratically elected government under your leadership will soon assume the responsibility of shaping the future of your countrymen. We trust that with the National League for Democracy (NLD) at the helm, political, economic and social reforms that truly benefit your people will be realized.

We would also like to congratulate the entire NLD membership for its patience, dedication, perseverance, passion, and hard work that carried the party to where it is right now. Your party's experience shows that we indeed harvest what we sow. For the past decades, your party has pressed on and showed the world that the flames of democracy may at times flicker, but they can never be extinguished. With your party's vision for good governance, we are confident that a more inclusive society geared towards ethnic harmony and national reconciliation can be forged.

We trust that your decisions will continue to be guided by democratic principles that bind all of us as liberals and democrats – democratic government, rule of law and respect for human rights. These are the guideposts that always help us as we endeavour to make the lives of our people better.

We in CALD hope to further strengthen our partnership and cooperation with the NLD as we press on in our continuing struggle to protect individual liberties and safeguard democracy.

Under your leadership, we believe that the Burmese people are in good, capable hands. We wish you the all the best in your term as president and beyond.

Sincerely yours.

Chairperson, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats President, United Nations Environment Assembly

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