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Dear Dr U Ne Oo

Thank you for your letter addressed to Sir Emyr Jones Parry, I have been asked to reply.

The UK shares the deep international concern about the plight of the people of Burma that you and many others have voiced so effectively. We take every opportunity to call for the release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and other political prisoners, and for the restoration of democracy. We played a leading role in drafting the resolutions on Burma, which were adopted in April at the UN Commission for Human Rights and last December at the UN General Assembly. These resolutions condemned the many human rights abuses in the country.

We have studied the report on Burma commissioned by Václav Havel and Desmond Tutu that you mentioned in your letter.

I am happy to confirm that the UK will support any action in the UN Security Council that can help promote democratisation and national reconciliation in Burma.

We will go on working with international partners to raise awareness of the abuses of the Burmese regime and promote the restoration of democracy and the welfare of the Burmese people. We strongly support the UN's efforts in this regard. The UN Secretary General's Special Representative and the UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights have positive roles to play; and we support international calls for them to be re-admitted to Burma.

Yours sincerely

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