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**National League for Democracy (Liberated Area)**

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Thailand, november 2005

To: the Board of Directors of AXA, Dexia, Fortis, ING and KBC

cc: Call for disinvestment from Companies which are still active in Burma

Dear,

As a democratically elected member of the National League for Democracy, I want to draw your attention to our call for disinvestment from **Burma**. My party, which won the elections in 1990 but was kept from power by the military, is convinced that banks should avoid any financial or moral support to one of the most oppressive regimes in the world.

The Burmese government violates the basic human rights of its people. The military Junta, which seized power in 1990, is responsible for torture, forced labour, forced relocations and rape. These well documented and internationally condemned practices have led to several embargo's and economic sanctions. This is why the NLD calls for disinvestments. Our leader, the Nobel Price Winner Aung San Suu Kyi, states that international companies should stop investing in Burma. These companies perpetuate the violence by providing the military junta with substantial revenues and by giving moral support to the current regime. Several companies have already withdrawn from the country because of ethical reasons, but others have chosen to stay and are thus held responsible for support to the atrocities committed by the Burmese government. Amongst them are some well known companies like Total, Nippon Oil, Mitsui and Maribenu.

I ask all companies to take up their responsibility and to stop all economic activities in Burma. I urge the Belgian banks and other investors to stop any financial support to companies which refuse to withdraw. I understood that you have no policy in place which avoids investments in these companies. I'm convinced that this is not due to a lack of willingness to integrate ethical principles in your credit- and financial policy. I'm sure that you agree that you have to take the violation of basic human rights into account when you decide which companies to invest in. Therefore, I want to ask you to develop a policy which avoids any financial links with the companies still active in Burma.

Yours sincerely,

Daw San San  
Secretary NLD

Elected as Member of Parliament in 1990  
Founder and secretary of the Member of Parliament Union  
Imprisoned several times because of political activities  
Fled to Thailand after the Depayin massacre