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*Excellencies,*

I would like to refer your letter no. AL MMR 1/2017 of 1 May 2017, with regard to the humanitarian situation in Kachin State. In this connection, I would like to convey the following information that I received from the authorities:

- Due to the armed conflicts between Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw) and Kachin Independence Army (KIA), around 15,332 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were spread in 41 IDPs Camps of Myitkyina; 3,661 in 25 IDP Camps on Mohnyi; 19,756 in 26 camps of Bhamo and 337 in 2 camps of Puta-O.
- The WFP, UNHCR and NGOs/INGOs have been providing food, clothes and humanitarian assistance to IDPs camps in Kachin State in the government-controlled area. Furthermore, ICRC has been supplying safe and clean water for them. The Ministry of Social Affairs in Kachin State also donated 5,000,000 Kyat to the IDP camp in Baptist church at Nampyit village and IDP camp in Catholic church at Lonekhin Village in Hpakant township. Moreover, students in IDP camps are receiving school uniforms and books from Myanmar Maternal, Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and township programmes for every school season.
- The ICRC, UNHCR, NRC, DRC, SOLIDARITY and other CSOs had been granted access to carrying out their activities including the delivery of humanitarian assistance, need assessment, collecting data and providing vocational trainings.

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Please accept, Madams and Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Warm regards,

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