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Dear Madam and Sir,

With reference to your letter AL.MMR 5/2019 dated 14 June 2019, I wish to convey the following information received from the authorities concerned in Myanmar regarding a complaint filed against U Aung Min Oo, Chief Editor of the Development Media Group (DMG):

- DMG's Chief Editor, U Aung Min Oo, is also known as U Oo Ba Khin.
- The DMG misled and provoked the public by publishing and distributing news, activities and statements of the AA insurgent group which is an unlawful association.
- The DMG disseminate information on the activities of AA group via face book and journal in support of the group with the aim to defame and attack the government and the Tatmadaw.
- On 1 May 2019, the Special Branch of the Ministry of Home Affairs opened a lawsuit against U Aung Min Oo, under the Unlawful Association Act.
- U Aung Min Oo has gone absconding.
- The Chapter VIII, Citizen, Fundamental Rights and Duties of the Citizens, Section 354 (a) of the Constitution of Myanmar stated that every citizen

shall be at liberty in the exercise of the following rights, if not contrary to the laws, enacted for Union security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquillity or public order and morality to express and publish freely their conviction and opinions.

- Likewise, media personnel and journalists must perform their duties and responsibilities according to the aims and stipulations of the News Media Law, drafted in line with international standard, enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 14 March 2014.
- As mentioned in the Printing and Publishing Enterprise Law 2004, Chapter IV, Section 8, the Printing and Publishing Enterprises shall not print or publish the publications contained in any of the following matters :
  - o matters that can affect ethnic groups or citizens racially, religiously or culturally;
  - o matters that can affect national security, rule of law, community peace and tranquillity, or equality, freedom, justice and rights of every citizen;
  - o expression of obscene words;
  - o encouraging and inciting crimes, brutality, violence, gambling, and the offence of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
- All citizens and media have the right of freedom of expression and publication in accordance with the existing laws.
- However, any activity contrary to the existing laws will be taken legal action.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kyaw Moe Tun', written in a cursive style.

(Kyaw Moe Tun)

Ambassador/ Permanent Representative

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