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**Dear Special Rapporteurs,**

With reference to your Joint Communication No. AL/MMR/16/2020 dated 25 November 2020 regarding the alleged case of human rights defender living in the United Kingdom, I wish to convey the information received from authorities concerned in Myanmar as follows: -

- The Government of Myanmar, as a practice, responds to the information solicited by Human Rights Special Procedures Mandate-holders if the allegations of human rights violations took place in Myanmar and the letter of allegation contains reliable information.
- However, in the case of Mr. Tun Khin, the place of the alleged incident was in the United Kingdom. Besides, no precise information and sound evidence to support the alleged intimidation was provided. As a staunch defender of human rights, the UK should rather take appropriate legal action on the case which allegedly took place inside the UK territory.
- At the same time, Myanmar categorically states that no person employed by the government nor under its direct control is involved in the alleged incident.
- In Myanmar, all citizens including human rights defenders can enjoy equal rights before the law and, are provided with legal protection according to the Constitution. Anyone who commits the offence of criminal intimidation, a threat which causes to death or grievous hurt to any citizens, is punishable with up to two years imprisonment or fine or both, according to Article 506 of the Penal Code.
- Since the beginning of the current administration, all citizens including human rights defenders have enjoyed the essence of democracy including greater freedom of speech, freedom of association and other fundamental human rights.

- The Government of Myanmar is seriously concerned over the conduct of Special Procedures Mandate-holders for sending letters of unverified allegations originated from dubious sources. The Mandate-holders of Special Procedures should, therefore, conduct their work based on the principles of impartiality, objectivity and non-politicization in strict compliance with the Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate-holders of the Human Rights Council (Resolution 5/2) and their respective mandates.

With warmest wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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**Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders**

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**Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar**