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Hon. Condoleezza Rice
US Secretary of States
United States Department of State
Washington DC 20520
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Re: International arms embargo on Burma

Dear Secretary of State:

Burma Action Group in South Australia like to support your government's opposition to the European Union lifting of arms embargo on China. We are very concerned about the Chinese government selling of arms to the Burmese military. Since 1989, China has sold an estimated 3 billion USD worth of arms to the Burmese military junta.

The European Union has the embargo on sales of arms to the Burmese military junta. We should like to point out that the EU lifting of arms embargo on China is inconsistent with European Union's policy on Burma.

The Burmese military junta refuses to enter negotiation with the elected parliamentarians. The junta continues to detain the opposition leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The junta had excluded the elected National League for Democracy along with all other political leaders from the process of drafting the constitution. Also in late February this year, the delegates from International Labour Organization have to end their visit to Burma due to the lack of co-operation from the junta. It is therefore most appropriate that the UN Security Council to put Burma in its agenda.

We wish to advocate that an international arms embargo on Burma that is authorised by UN Security Council is most appropriate at this point in time. We therefore ask your government to put Burma case at the UN Security Council including implementation of international arms embargo on Burma.

Yours respectfully

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