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Statement on the UN Security Council Resolution on Myanmar

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Washington, DC — On December 21, 2022, the United Nations Security Council adopted binding resolution 2669 (2022) on the situation in Myanmar under the UN Charter VI. The 12 members voted yes; none voted against; and 3 abstained (China, India and Russia). The 5 permanent members are China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States and the 10 non-permanent members are Albania (2023), Brazil (2023), Gabon (2023), Ghana (2023), India (2022), Ireland (2022), Kenya (2022), Mexico (2022), Norway (2022), and United Arab Emirates (2023).

The Chin Association of Maryland, Inc. (CAM) issues the following statement:

1. CAM welcomes the UN Security Council Resolution 2669 (2022) and appreciates the leadership of the United Kingdom on drafting and adopting the Resolution.
2. The Resolution is encouraging as it urged the Burmese military “to immediately release all arbitrarily detained prisoners, including President Win Myint and State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi”. It also addressed the underlying issues in Burma, including calling “for the necessity for full, safe and unhindered humanitarian access.”
3. CAM strongly believes that the UN Security Council should rather adopt a resolution under Chapter VII of the UN Charter as the Tatmadaw overthrew a democratically elected government of President U Win Myint on February 1, 2021. The State Administration Council also continues posing undeniable threat to regional peace and security.
4. A Chapter VII resolution would hurt the Tatmadaw. Such a call would include an arms embargo; no-fly zones to protect civilians; refer to the International Criminal Court; and a military intervention under a UN Peacekeeping Force or a multinational force.