



## **EFF STATEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENTS IN MYANMAR**

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The EFF condemns the military take-over of government in Myanmar earlier yesterday. We join the international community and the United Nations Secretary General António Guterres in calling for an immediate return to civilian rule by the democratically elected party of the 1991 Noble Peace Prize laureate, Ms Aung San Suu Kyi, the National League for Democracy.

No army of a sovereign state has a right to change a government but all armies have a duty to uphold the constitution. The experience of Africa on military coups is not an experience to be emulated by any member state of the international community, committed to peace, order and human rights.

No country in this age and era should be subjected military interference in the governance of a nation.

We call on the South African government and all members states of the African Union to denounce the conduct of the Myanmar military officers and demonstrate their disapproval by summoning the Ambassadors and High Commissioners of this military junta to convey a message of disapproval and reprimand.

African Union members states should give the military regime deadline within which to withdraw to barracks or face eviction and closure of all diplomatic offices in Africa. A clear decisive message should be demonstrated by cogent harsh consequences against anti-democracy forces wherever they rear their ugly heads lest the same is emulated in our own shores.

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