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INTRODUCTION

At present, interim arrangements are urgently needed in Karenni State for the current revolutionary or interim period. Since the military toppled Myanmar's government on February 1, 2021, anti-military dictatorship movements have erupted nationwide. Due to violent responses against pro-democracy movements, the people of Myanmar took up armed struggles against the military junta. Non-violent protests against the military started in Dawh Ngan Kha Ward in Demoso Township on May 21, 2021. Subsequently, armed resistance led by the people followed, and it has been continuing until today. On April 9, 2021, revolutionary forces in Karenni State came together to establish the Karenni State Consultative Council (KSCC), which has been providing public security, humanitarian assistance and other necessary support.

During this period of revolution, the executive and judicial sectors of the state have become crippled such that legislative, executive and judicial governance is critically needed along with defense, security and foundations for human security, such as education, health, food and shelter, among others.

For the time being, it is urgently needed to implement interim state-level legislative, executive and judicial governance as stipulated in the Part II of the Federal Democratic Charter approved by the People's Assembly. As such, this Interim Arrangements of the Karenni State has been developed and approved.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KARENNI STATE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL (KSCC)

KARENNI STATE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

SECTION 1. The Karenni State Consultive Council (KSCC) has been established with the following five (5) stakeholder groups with a goal for the Karenni nationalities and the people of the State to exercise their legislative, executive and judicial power to manage natural resources, to protect their customs and traditions, and to bring about the development and peaceful coexistence among all the Karenni people from the interim period until the time a federal democratic union is realized:

- a. Ethnic revolutionary organizations in Karenni State;
- b. Political party representatives;
- c. Elected Members of the Karenni Legislature Committee;
- d. Youth forces, civil society organizations, and general public strike committees;
- e. Women representatives.

POLITICAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 2. The political goals and objectives of the Karenni State Consultative Council (KSCC) are as follows:

- a. To abolish the 2008 Constitution;
- b. To eradicate all kinds of dictatorships, including military dictatorship;
- c. To adopt a state constitution;
- d. To develop a federal democratic union.

OBJECTIVES

SECTION 3. The KSCC shall serve the following objectives:

- a. To endorse the establishment of a Karenni state government with a collective leadership system that represents the interests of all Karenni nationals.
- b. To provide guidance and consultation in establishing a balanced power structure among the state's legislative, executive, and judicial branches.
- c. To facilitate the effective inclusion and participation of various stakeholders in the state's political strategy initiatives.
- d. To codify process of drafting and ratifying a Karenni state constitution in the efforts of building a future federal democratic union
- e. To lead the revolution in cooperation with the general public, aiming to eliminate military rule and dictatorship.

PRINCIPLES

SECTION 4. The KSCC is guided by the following principles:

- a. Build a federal democratic union;
- b. Achieve self-determination in the legislative, executive, and judicial branches;
- c. Retain union sovereignty in member state/ federal units;
- d. Adopt a state constitution;
- e. Ensure at least 30 percent women's participation in the state interim legislative, executive, and judicial branches;
- f. Create equality without discrimination based on race, religion, sexuality, diversity, and vulnerability status during the interim period; and
- g. Serve as Karenni state's highest political leadership during the period of federal union building and the revolutionary period.

VALUES OF THE KSCC

SECTION 5. The KSCC upholds the following values:

- a. Gratitude and loyalty to the Karenni State and people;
- b. Acknowledgment and respect for diverse political views, races, religions, gender identities, and other aspects of inclusivity, diversity, and equality;
- c. Commitment to uphold and adherence to the values and principles of human rights;
- d. Respect for and compliance with humanitarian standards;
- e. Valuing equality, justice, and self-determination.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA OF KSCC MEMBERS

SECTION 6. Each member of the KSCC must meet the following qualification criteria:

- a. The member must demonstrate a strong interest in the affairs of the state and be committed to reforming current domestic politics in a manner that aligns with the KSCC's objectives.
- b. The member must have the relevant organizational representation mandate and actively participate in their organization's decision-making process.
- c. (1) The member must be either a member of the central executive committee of their mother organization, or an individual in a position equivalent to that of the central executive committee who is well-acquainted with their organization's policies and has decision-making authority.
(2) For stakeholder groups, such as unions, youth and minority groups, civil society organizations, anti-dictatorship (CDM) leading groups, public strike groups, and women's groups, members must have the representation mandate from their relevant organization.
- d. The member must be affiliated with an organization that is actively fighting to end military dictatorship on all fronts.

- e. The member must not collaborate with or be affiliated with the military council in any political, economic, or military capacity.
- f. The member must accept that the number of group representatives may not be equal due to differences in organization structures and practical abilities to implement initiatives on the ground.

STRUCTURES OF THE KSCC

SECTION 7. The KSCC shall be composed of 17 members as follows.

- a. Representatives of pre-coup Karenni revolutionary groups - four persons
- b. Representatives of Karenni State's political parties - two persons
- c. Representatives of the Karenni legislature committee - three persons
- d. Representatives of youth, civil society organizations and strike groups - six persons
- e. Representatives of women's groups - two persons

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF KSCC MEMBERS

SECTION 8. (a) Nomination Process: The groups or stakeholders listed in Section Seven (7) shall nominate individuals who meet the eligibility requirements to become members of the KSCC. Once nominated, these individuals shall automatically become members of the KSCC.

- (b) Appointment of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee of the KSCC, consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Joint Secretary, and three Committee Members, shall be elected by secret ballot from among the members of the KSCC.

SECTION 9. (a) The KSCC members shall formulate and prescribe the roles and responsibilities of the Central Executive Committee of KSCC.

- (b) The Working Committee members shall:
1. Act with integrity and refrain from engaging in or promoting fraudulent activities while performing their duties.
 2. Refrain from using drugs or gambling while on duty.
 3. Behave ethically.
 4. Uphold the specified codes of conduct.
 5. Not encourage or engage in actions that undermine member unity.
 6. Not engage in physical or verbal fights while on duty.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF KSCC

SECTION 10. The KSCC shall carry out the following tasks.

- a. Enable all state stakeholders to collectively cooperate in formulating political strategies and policies for the interim arrangements and the creation of the federal union.
- b. Form the Karenni State Executive Council.
- c. Perform consultations and provide technical guidance on interim state administration strategic initiatives as well as in the matters of social, political, economic and defense and security protection.
- d. Consult and advise on the establishment of support committees for the needs of the state during the interim period.
- e. Provide checks and balances and direction related to the interim state legislative, executive and judicial affairs.
- f. Coordinate and collaborate with the National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) and the interim National Unity Government (NUG).
- g. Make preparations for the drafting of the state constitution for the transitional period as well as the federal union building period.
- h. Develop and implement strategic workplans for the transitional period.

- i. Manage the settlement of disputes among members.
- j. Consult and advise within the KSCC regarding the establishment of the State Supreme Court and the appointment of Supreme Court Judges.
- k. Consult and advise within the KSCC regarding the establishment of different levels of courts.
- l. Build unity among the armed forces in the state for the purpose of defense and security for the State.
- m. Develop necessary policies, procedures and strategic workplans in order to ratify the interim arrangements measures and forward working processes.
- n. Open a KSCC office at a suitable location for the purpose of effective implementations of the KSCC's duties.
- o. Nominate and appoint representatives to serve in the NUCC and the NUG.
- p. Carry out revolutionary tasks in collaboration with the entire public to bring an end to the military rule and to root out the dictatorship.
- q. Form technical support teams and working teams for the KSCC as necessary and develop roles and responsibilities of those teams.
- r. As necessary by sectors, bring KSCC representatives serving at the NUCC, the NUG, and the joint committees (JCC) into the KSCC meetings and hold discussions.
- s. Be in charge of the duties including the substitution or termination of the KSCC representatives serving in the NUCC, NUG, and joint committees (JCC). Adopt appropriate rules, orders, regulations, and procedures to execute the KSCC's activities and responsibilities.

ROLES OF THE KSCC REPRESENTATIVES SERVING AS NUG MINISTERS

SECTION 11. The representatives serving as Ministers in the NUG shall have the following roles:

- a. They shall be primarily responsible for the implementation of the responsibilities assigned by the NUG.
- b. They shall cooperate closely with the Karenni State Executive Council in implementing their duties.
- c. They shall be entitled to attend Karenni State Executive Council meetings and offer advice. However, decisions related to the administration of Karenni State shall be made by the Karenni State Executive Council members.

ROLES OF THE KSCC REPRESENTATIVES SERVING IN THE NUCC AND JCC

SECTION 12. Regarding the KSCC representatives serving in the NUCC and Joint Coordination Committees (JCC),

- a. They are responsible to regularly attend the NUCC and the Joint Committees meetings and to liaise works with the KSCC.
- b. If it is necessary to coordinate with the KSCC, they shall submit a request to the KSCC Working Committee in order to attend the KSCC meetings.
- c. They may attend and participate in the KSCC meetings, but a final decision is only made by the majority of KSCC members.

POLITICAL ROAD MAP

POLITICAL ROAD MAP (PROCEDURE TO BE IMPLEMENTED)

SECTION 13. The following steps shall be taken to establish and implement the interim political roadmap of Karenni State:

- a. Build unity and cooperation among stakeholders in Karenni State.
- b. Coordinate and cooperate with the NUCC, NUG, other ethnic resistance organizations, and other relevant stakeholders.
- c. Draft and ratify the Karenni State Interim Arrangements among the member organizations of the KSCC.
- d. Reaffirm the Karenni State Interim Arrangements in a conference with all the revolutionary forces within the KSCC.
- e. Reorganize and reform the KSCC.
- f. Establish the Karenni State Interim Executive Council.
- g. Conduct public consultations of the Karenni State Interim Arrangements and processes.
- h. Formulate and establish preparation procedures for the transitional period.
- i. Prepare for the process of developing the Karenni State Constitution for the purpose of building a federal union.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE STATE

BOUNDARIES AND COMPOSITION OF THE STATE

SECTION 14. In the State Interim Arrangements, the geographic boundaries of the Karenni State shall be based on the four historically designated areas, such as Kantarawadi, Kyebogyi, Bawlake, and Moebye, where the Karenni nationalities have been residing, and the Karenni State shall be one of the States in the federal union.

SEPARATION OF POWERS

SECTION 15. This Interim Arrangements ensure checks and balances among the distinct powers among the Interim Executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the state government.

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND PLANS TO BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD

PLANS CONCERNING WOMEN AND CHILDREN

- SECTION 16. (a) Ensure women have equal opportunities to participate in and make decisions in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches regardless of gender.
- (b) Put in place a mechanism to ensure women's participation in decision-making in the political, social, educational, economic and development sectors without discrimination.
- (c) Establish specific programs to safeguard women and children from all forms of sexual violence and abuse.
- (d) Provide mental and physical support for women displaced as a result of conflicts.
- (e) Provide health and nutrition support for women, children and pregnant mothers.

PLANS CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF YOUTH

- SECTION 17. (a) Ensure every young person has the right to participate in decision-making processes that affect their lives, including matters related to youth affairs, socio-economic issues and cultural issues.
- (b) Plan annual budgets for the purpose of youth development.
- (c) Ensure the interests of youth are taken into consideration in planning for education, health, economy and governance matters.
- (d) Establish a youth affairs committee to address all the issues related to youth.

PLANS CONCERNING HUMANITARIAN AND REFUGEE AFFAIRS

- SECTION 18. (a) Seek support for humanitarian assistance and essential food and shelter, health, education and security for refugees and persons internally displaced by war.
- (b) Seek technical and financial assistance for internally displaced person and refugee resettlement and rehabilitation initiatives in coordination with the NUG or international stakeholders.
- (c) Implement procedures for internally displaced person and refugee rehabilitation and mental and physical support in coordination with relevant organizations under the direction of the KSCC.
- (d) Provide guidance on how to find ways and mechanisms required to effectively provide support for internally displaced persons and refugees.

PLANS CONCERNING STATE EDUCATION AFFAIRS

- SECTION 19. (a) Collaborate with relevant stakeholders for interim education arrangements to ensure rights for basic education.
- (b) Begin adopting Mother Tongue Based-Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE) in the Karenni education system from the interim period.
- (c) Ensure that the democratic federal education system is grounded in gender equality and human rights.
- (d) Ensure that ethnic national education schools and private schools can have legal rights to operate in Karenni State.
- (e) Preserve and promote languages, literature, culture and histories of ethnic nationalities for the purpose of long-term sustainability and protecting them from the risk of extinction
- (f) The education system shall support of the survival of the federal democratic union.
- (g) Officially recognize the education institutions of ethnic revolutionary organizations and their education system and education staff as well as self-supported education staff and volunteers.

- (h) Establish linkages between the education curriculum developed by Karenni State and ethnic revolutionary organizations during the interim period and the education policy and curriculum standards of the federal democratic union.
- (i) Establish direct communication and coordination with ethnic revolutionary organizations, community-based organizations and civil society organizations with regard to seeking international educational support during the interim period.
- (j) Explore opportunities to pursue education for Myanmar's stateless children during the interim period.
- (k) Recognize and coordinate with all educational institutions and organizations in Karenni State.
- (l) Allow students and teachers to freely form associations and unions.
- (m) Ensure those participating in the revolution have opportunities to continue their education.

PLANS CONCERNING STATE HEALTH

- SECTION 20. (a) Connect and coordinate with relevant health organizations and develop plans to promote greater availability and accessibility to public health care during the interim period.
- (b) Plans shall be made to provide services related to emergency and basic health care for the public during the revolutionary period.
 - (c) Enhance the competencies of healthcare workers in service to provide quality health care services.
 - (d) Establish a procedure to officially recognize health care workers.
 - (e) Collaborate with international organizations to effectively carry out prevention of diseases and provision of treatment sector by sector.
 - (f) Put in place plans to ensure the safety of healthcare workers.
 - (g) Collaborate with the private sector to effectively provide health care services.
 - (h) Raise awareness on health programs by including them in the curricula and extracurricular activities of both basic education institutions and universities.

PLANS CONCERNING CIVIL SERVANTS INVOLVED IN THE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT (CDM)

- SECTION 21. (a) Formulate plans and procedures to allow for each CDM staff to take appropriate responsibilities based on their respective departments, skills, qualifications and experiences.
- (b) Systematically determine compensation and support schemes for CDM staff, and implement accordingly.
- (c) Collect accurate data and records for the purpose of ensuring fair and equal distribution of support to CDM staff.
- (d) Make preparation for plans on how priorities can be set to appoint CDM staff to respective departments during the transition period.
- (e) Develop recovery plans for CDM staff who have lost employment opportunities to be implemented during the transitional period.

PLANS CONCERNING MINORITY RIGHTS

- SECTION 22. (a) Any person shall have the right and freedom to preserve their ethnic and national identities, historical heritage, language, literature and cultural traditions.
- (b) Political participation by ethnic minorities shall be seriously encouraged.
- (c) The KSCC shall clearly issue policy guidelines and procedures for the promotion and protection of ethnic and ethnic minority rights in the state.

CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND REMEDIES/REPREPARATIONS

- SECTION 23. (a) Collaborate with civil society organizations on the ground to systematically compile records and documentation of human rights violations during the interim period.
- (b) Carry out transitional justice matters in order to bring about justice and remedies for human rights violations during the interim period.

CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND ELDERLY PEOPLE

- SECTION 24. Carry out social safety nets and security programs for people with disabilities and elderly individuals.

INTERIM KARENNI STATE ADMINISTRATION

THE SCOPE OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE POWER

SECTION 25. In the state Interim Arrangements, Karenni State shall be established as a member of a federal democratic union by consolidating the four historically designated Karenni areas which are geographically connected to each other where Karenni communities are concentrated, namely, Kantarawadi, Kyebogyi, Bawlake and Moebye.

ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS

SECTION 26. The administrative areas of the interim Karenni State shall be established as four regional administrative councils.

SECTION 27. During the interim period, there shall be 19 administrative townships in Karenni State. The Karenni State administrative body shall collaborate with the pre-existing administrative bodies of ethnic revolutionary organizations, and it may be amended as necessary.

FORMATION OF THE KARENNI STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SECTION 28. The KSCC shall have internal discussions for the formation of the Karenni State Interim Executive Council to select people for the following positions:

- a. Chair of the State Executive Council
- b. Vice Chair (1) of the State Executive Council
- c. Vice Chair (2) of the State Executive Council
- d. General Secretary of the State Executive Council
- e. Secretary (1) of the State Executive Council
- f. Secretary (2) of the State Executive Council
- g. Finance Officer of the State Executive Council
- h. Officers for various affairs of the State

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRS OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SECTION 29. The Chair and the Vice Chairs of the State Executive Council must possess the following qualifications:

- a. A visionary person with the ability to oversee and analyze political, military and administrative matters;
- b. Ability to effectively handle international and alliance relations;
- c. Support from ethnic revolutionary organizations as well as general public;
- d. Willingness to make sacrifices for Karenni State and its people;
- e. Ability to analyze Karenni history and the conditions of the people and their livelihoods;
- f. Agree with the Karenni State Interim Arrangements and have the ability to implement it;
- g. Well versed in his/her mother organization's policies and have decision-making authority with a secretary position or higher;
- h. Has resided in Karenni state for at least ten consecutive years;
- i. Free from personal, group, regional or ethnic biases or prejudices;
- j. Affiliated with an organization fighting to end the military dictatorship on all fronts; and
- k. Not be from any organization that is cooperating with the military council in any political, economic or military aspects.

QUALIFICATIONS OF GENERAL SECRETARY AND SECRETARIES OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SECTION 30. The General Secretary and Secretaries of the State Executive Council must possess the following qualifications:

- a. Ability to analyze current political situations;
- b. Ability to effectively handle international and alliance relations;

- c. Willingness to make sacrifices for Karenni State and its people;
- d. Ability to provide assistance to the Chairs of the State Executive Council;
- e. Agree with the Karenni State Interim Arrangements and have the ability to implement it;
- f. Ability to lead and provide guidance to the state affairs committees;
- g. Good political and working experience;
- h. Have resided in Karenni State for at least ten consecutive years;
- i. Free from personal, group, regional or ethnic biases or prejudices;
- j. Possess support from the public;
- k. Affiliated with an organization fighting to end the military dictatorship on all fronts; and
- l. Not be from any organization that is cooperating with the military council in any political, economic or military aspect.

QUALIFICATIONS OF STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

SECTION 31. Members of the State Executive Council must meet the following qualifications:

- a. Be responsible for state-level committees;
- b. Have competencies in the respective sector and provide leadership;
- c. Willingness to make sacrifices for the Karenni State and its people;
- d. Agree with the Karenni Interim Arrangement and have the ability to comply with and implement it;
- e. Has been recommended by his/her mother organization or possess technical proficiency and have the support of the majority of the Karenni State Consultative Council (KSCC);
- f. Have good political and professional experiences;
- g. Have resided in Karenni State for at least ten consecutive years; and
- h. Have support from the people of the Karenni state.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES THE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SECTION 32. (a) The State Executive Council's responsibilities are to:

- a. Comply with and implement the State Interim Arrangements.
- b. Carry out duties assigned by the laws.
- c. Implement the instructions of the KSCC.
- d. Hold meetings.
- e. Submit an annual work plan and report to the KSCC.
- f. Collaborate with alliance partners to bring an end the military dictatorship.

(b) The State Executive Council may:

- a. Form necessary committees and groups, supervise staff and establish collaboration with other groups and individuals in implementing the interim state arrangement.
- b. Propose regulations and draft bills to the state interim legislative drafting committee, and announce procedures, instructions and notifications.
- c. Coordinate with the NUG or other state/ federal administration units by relevant sectors.
- d. Invite specific NUG ministers who were nominated to serve in the NUG to the State Executive Council meetings as necessary for the purpose of coordinating with the NUG.
- e. Appoint and assign necessary human resources and develop capacity building activities in order to implement administrative initiatives.
- f. Expand and dissolve committees, as necessary, for the State Executive Council in consultation with the KSCC.
- g. Collaborate with the NUG or international organizations in accordance with guidance from the KSCC.
- h. Develop and implement policies necessary for the implementation of its workplan with the approval of the KSCC.

FORMATION OF KARENNI STATE INTERIM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND SELECTING AND APPOINTING THE COUNCIL MEMBERS

- SECTION 33. (a) Stakeholder groups of the KSCC can nominate candidates who meet the qualifications specified in Section 29 for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Interim Executive Council to the KSCC.
- (b) The KSCC shall select the Chair and Vice Chairs of the State Executive Council from the candidates nominated by the KSCC's member organizations.
- (c) The Chair of the State Executive Council shall identify qualified candidates, as specified in Section 30 and 31, for the positions of the General Secretary, Secretaries, Treasury Secretary and State Affairs Committees and appoint those candidates with an approval of the KSCC.

TERM OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

SECTION 34. The term of the members of for the State Executive members shall remain in effect during or until the end of the revolutionary or interim period. However, if the interim period exceeds more than four years due to political circumstances, the members of the State Executive Council shall be re-elected in accordance with the Karenni State Interim Arrangements.

TAKING ACTIONS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- SECTION 35. (a) Members of the State Executive Council shall be subject to investigation and appropriate action if they are found to have violated any of the following:
1. Treason against Karenni State;
 2. Violation of one of the rules and regulations of the Interim Arrangements;
 3. Violation of moral responsibilities or involvement in corruption;
 4. Conviction of a crime; or
 5. Failure to perform assigned duties and obligations.

6. In accordance with Section (a) above, the State Executive Council shall establish a commission for emergency investigation to investigate any member found to have violated any rules. The commission's findings shall be presented at an emergency meeting of the Council.
7. If the State Executive Council determines that action should be taken against a member, the member's case shall be submitted to the Karenni State Supreme Court for further legal proceedings.
8. If the State Executive Council member is found guilty by the Supreme Court, he/she will be dismissed from office and additional legal actions shall be taken.

STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

SECTION 36. (a) The State Executive Council shall hold a monthly meeting.

(b) The Council Chair shall convene both regular and emergency meetings of the State Executive Council in accordance with established procedures.

(c) The Chair shall convene emergency meeting of the Interim Executive Council based on the following conditions.

1. For emergency defense, security and rescue operations necessary for Karenni State;
2. For coordination necessary among
3. committees of Karenni State;
4. To take action against a member of the Karenni State Executive Council; or
5. When it is necessary to issue a state of emergency for Karenni State.

(d) The Council Chair shall convene an emergency meeting when more than half of the council members make a request to hold a meeting for an emergency situation.

QUORUM FOR THE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

SECTION 37. Quorum shall be met for the State Executive Council meeting when more than half of its members are present.

DECISION MAKING AT MEETINGS

- SECTION 38. (a) Important decisions of the State Executive Council meetings shall require at least 75% vote of the council members present at the meeting.
- (b) Ordinary decisions of the State Executive Council meetings shall require votes from more than half of the council members present at the meeting.

COORDINATION WITH ETHNIC REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION 39. Matters related to the designation and implementation of the interim Karenni State interim administrative areas/regions shall be carried out in close coordination with the pre-existing administrative departments of ethnic revolutionary organizations.

STRUCTURE AND REFORM OF SECURITY AND DEFENSE

RESTRUCTURING AND RECOVERY OF SECURITY AND DEFENSE MATTERS

SECTION 40. (a) Matters related to the use and maintenance of weapons by People's Defense Forces in Karenni State shall be managed under the leadership of the joint committee of troops management with guidance from the KSCC and the Karenni State Executive Council.

- (b) During the transitional period after the goals of the interim resistance movement against the dictatorship have been achieved, tasks related to disbarment, consolidation and restructuring of People's Defense Forces and security forces in the state (People's Defense Forces and state police forces) newly established during the Spring Revolution shall be carried out according to the policies and guidelines on the reorganization of state security and defense forces. For such purposes, the KSCC shall start developing workplans and procedures related to defense sector reorganization during the interim period.
- (c) This shall include planning for job and education opportunities for those who wish to leave the revolution based on the principles of gender equality.
- (d) The Interim Executive Council and the post-revolutionary Karenni State Government shall:
 - 1. Put in place plans and implement rehabilitation and livelihood programs for those who have lost their limbs during the revolution.
 - 2. Recognize and honor the fallen soldiers during the revolution, and provide support services for their bereaved family members.
 - 3. Bring justice for the victims of sexual violence within the resistance forces.

INTERIM KARENNI STATE LEGISLATION

INTERIM LEGISLATIVE POWER

SECTION 41. During the interim period, the legislative power of the Karenni State is entrusted to the elected members of the three state parliaments, who were elected by the people in the 2020 general elections and who have rejected the terrorist military junta.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KARENNI STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 42. (a) In order to legislate during the interim period, an Interim State Legislative Committee shall be formed with the elected state parliamentarians as noted in Section 41. Those parliamentarians who may be members of the Committee were elected in the 2020 multi-party general election, support the Federal Democratic Charter as ratified by the NUCC, and accept the Karenni State Interim Arrangements. Additionally, they have not cooperated with the terrorist coup d'état and are thereby granted the state legislative power/authority.

(b) The Interim State Legislative Committee shall elect its Chair and Vice Chair by the majority of votes of its committee members.

SCOPE OF INTERIM LEGISLATION AUTHORITY

SECTION 43. The State Legislative Committee shall carry out legislative processes in line with the political direction, purpose and political road map outlined in the Karenni State Interim Arrangements.

COORDINATION IN ENACTING LAWS

SECTION 44. The State Legislature Committee shall:

- a. Consult with the Karenni State Consultative Council (KSCC) regarding draft bills intended for enactment during the interim period to make sure they are aligned with the Karenni State Interim Arrangements and policies and guidelines of the KSCC, and seek approval from the KSCC.
- b. The bills shall become laws after receiving an approval from the KSCC.

PROPOSING NEW BILLS

SECTION 45. (a) The following organizations and individuals may propose bills to the State Legislative Committee in line with law, regulations and procedures:

1. State Legislative Committee Representatives;
2. Interim Executive Council; and
3. Chief Justice of the State.

(b) The State Legislative Committee shall review the bills submitted under subsection (a) during its meetings.

ENACTMENT OF THE LAWS

SECTION 46. The Chair of the State Executive Council shall sign the draft bill approved by the State Legislative Committee within 14 days to enact the law.

- a. The Chair of the State Executive Council has the right to provide comments to the draft bill and return it to the State Legislative Committee within the designated period of 14 days.
- b. If the Chair fails to sign the draft bill within 14 days for any reason, the bill shall automatically become law.

JURISDICTION OF THE LAWS

SECTION 47. The laws passed by the State Legislative Committee shall have jurisdiction in the administrative areas specified in Section 25.

ENACTMENT OF LAWS RELATED TO FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

SECTION 48. The Karenni State Legislative Committee shall draft and enact laws that ensure the protection of basic human rights for all members of the public during the interim period.

FORMATION OF SPECIFIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

SECTION 49. With the approval of the Committee, the Chair of the State Legislative Committee shall:

- a. Form a Bill Drafting Committee with representatives from the State Legislative Committee, ethnic revolutionary organizations from Karenni state, technical experts and representatives from the Karenni nationalities.
- b. Be authorized to form committees and groups, coordinate with other organizations and individuals, and appoint necessary staff in close consultation with the State Executive Council to implement the Karenni State Interim Arrangements and fulfill the desires of the people.

COORDINATION WITH THE ETHNIC REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION 50. Laws, orders and notifications necessary for implementation of the Interim Karenni State Interim Arrangements shall be drafted in close coordination with the pre-existing laws, administration and judiciary system of the ethnic revolutionary organizations.

STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- SECTION 51. (a) The Chair of the State Legislative Committee shall convene a State Legislative Committee meeting in order to carry out necessary tasks to implement the political road map and the strategic plan in accordance with the Karenni State Interim Arrangements.
- (b) Regular meetings of the State Legislative Committee shall be held at least once every six (6) months.
- (c) Emergency meetings of the State Legislative Committee shall be convened by the Chair of the Legislative Committee under the following circumstances:
1. To modify or amend the Karenni State Interim Arrangements.
 2. To promulgate or repeal an emergency law for Karenni State.
 3. To swear an oath of the Karenni State Executive Council.
 4. To swear an oath for the Chief Justice of Karenni State.
- (d) If more than half of the representatives of the State Legislative Committee make a request for an emergency meeting, the Chair of the State Legislative Committee shall convene a meeting.
- (e) State Legislative Committee meetings shall be held in accordance with specified rules and regulations.

QUORUM FOR THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

- SECTION 52. (a) Quorum shall be established for a meeting of the State Legislative Committee if 75% of the delegates are in attendance.
- (b) Quorum shall be established for emergency meetings of the State Legislative Committee if more than half of the delegates are in attendance.

DECISION MAKING OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- SECTION 53. (a) Important decisions of the State Legislative Committee meeting can be made with supporting votes of at least 75% of the delegates present at the meeting.
- (b) Ordinary decisions of the State Legislative Committee meeting can be made with supporting votes of greater than half of the delegates present at the meeting.

TAKING ACTIONS AGAINST A STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

- SECTION 54. (a) If a representative of the State Legislative Committee is found to have committed any of the following actions, they shall face investigation and appropriate actions:
1. Treason against Karenni State;
 2. Violation of any acts specified in the Interim Arrangements;
 3. Moral failure or corruption; or
 4. Criminal conviction.
- (b) In accordance with Section (a) above, an emergency investigation commission shall be formed by agreement within the State Legislative Committee to investigate the representative and report their findings to the State Legislative Committee.
- (c) If the State Legislative Committee determines that action should be taken against the representative, it shall send the case to the Supreme Court of Karenni State.
- (d) If the Supreme Court of Karenni State determines that the representative is guilty, the representative shall be dismissed from office, and further action shall be taken against him/her in accordance with the law.

COORDINATION BETWEEN THE UNION AND THE STATE ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

SECTION 55. While laws can be freely enacted during the interim period in line with the Karenni State Interim Arrangements, they shall not contradict the provisions of the Federal Democratic Charter.

INTERIM LEGISLATIVE POWERS OF THE STATE

SECTION 56. The State shall have the interim legislative powers in the following sectors as well as the residual powers.

1. Defense of the State
2. State security forces and police forces
3. Forestry and resource management
4. Environmental protection
5. Land management
6. Livestock and agriculture
7. Matters relating to immovable property and movable property
8. Electricity and energy
9. State transportation
10. State healthcare
11. State education
12. Customary affairs and cultural affairs
13. State taxation
14. Internally displaced persons' and refugees' affairs
15. Fire Safety
16. State drugs affairs
17. State trade, border trade, commerce, and import-export affairs
18. Investment affairs
19. Civil service and civil servants
20. Cooperation among States

21. Housing and land ownership and transfer of ownership affairs
22. Tourism within the State
23. Criminal and civil laws
24. State legislative law
25. State administration law
26. State judiciary law
27. State citizenship law
28. State immigration laws
29. International affairs of the State.

TERM OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 57. The term of the State Legislative Committee shall be until the conclusion of the revolution or the interim period. However, in the event that the interim period exceeds four years due to political circumstances and elections cannot be held within this period, the State Legislative Committee's term may be extended with the approval of the Karenni State Coordinating Committee (KSCC).

INTERIM JUDICIARY OF THE KARENNI STATE

PRINCIPLES OF STATE JURISDICTION

SECTION 59. (a) An independent judiciary system shall be established to carry out judiciary affairs in Karenni State during the interim period.

- (b) Judgments shall be based on the following principles:
 - 1. There shall be an independent judicial system according to the law.
 - 2. Judicial proceedings shall be held in public, except for cases where the law requires otherwise.
 - 3. All parties shall have the right to defend themselves and appeal in accordance with the law.
 - 4. Cases shall be settled and completed within the confines of the law.
 - 5. The punishment of offenders shall aim to achieve moral reform.
- (c) No criminal act shall have retroactive effect.
- (d) Any person who commits a crime may only be found guilty based on the laws in effect at the time of the offense. In addition, only the maximum punishment permitted by law shall be applied.
- (e) Any person convicted of an offense by a court of competent jurisdiction or completely discharged from the case shall not be re-examined for that crime, unless the higher court cancels the verdict of conviction or complete discharge of the case or orders the case to be re-examined.
- (f) In matters of state jurisdiction, the decision of the State Supreme Court shall be final.

STATE JUDICIAL POWER

- SECTION 60. (a) The State Legislative Committee shall draft and enact laws in accordance with the judicial rules established for the judiciary in the ethnic revolutionary organizations to be applied by the state's judicial system.
- (b) Any order or decision made by a court shall be binding on all parties concerned and on all state administrations.
- (c) Military and civilian judicial systems shall be kept separate, and civil-military related crimes shall be heard and prosecuted only in civilian courts.

THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

- SECTION 61. (a) The State Legislative Committee shall enact the State Judiciary Law and set up the State Supreme Court, local courts, and township courts, and authorize judicial power to the courts at various levels, including the State Supreme Court.
- (b) Local ethnic revolutionary organizations are permitted to continue using the existing judicial systems they have established.
- (c) The traditional customary law and judicial practices that do not conflict with human rights are recognized and permitted.
- (d) The following courts shall be established as part of the judicial system:
1. State Supreme Court;
 2. Local courts, regional courts of the existing ethnic revolutionary organizations; and
 3. Township courts.
- (e) Offenses in the judicial system of the state:
1. Shall be judged by the judges who have judicial power
 2. In the weak situation where it is difficult to have a fair and just judgement by a judge who has judicial power, the arbitration system shall be implemented with a composition of jury and representatives who are trusted and respected by the public or individuals who have skill and understanding of customary laws and traditional practices.
 3. A composition of at least 30 percent women must be included in the formation of the jury/ arbitration system.

- (f) For civil torts, all concerned parties shall attempt to reach an initial settlement in accordance with the relevant traditional customary practices or through negotiations, if there is no specific instruction given by the State Supreme Court and they agreed on the way for solution

STATE SUPREME COURT

SECTION 62. The State Supreme Court's interim judicial panel shall consist of at least three (3) and at most five (5) judges who have the following qualifications:

- a. Be local citizens of Karenni State or have been recognized/recommended by the KSCC;
- b. Have seven (7) years of judicial experience or be recognized by the KSCC as a legal expert/professional; and
- c. Understand and value judicial standards/principles and perform impartially.

SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES FOR THE STATE SUPREME COURT

SECTION 63. State Supreme Court judges shall be selected and appointed as follows:

- a. The State Legislative Committee shall establish the Judges Selection Commission of the State Supreme Court in consultation with the KSCC.
- b. The Commission shall submit a list of candidates for State Supreme Court judges to the interim State Legislative Committee for approval.
- c. If two-thirds of the representatives of the State Legislative Committee agree to the proposed candidates, the Chairman of the State Executive Council has the authority to appoint the State Supreme Court judges.
- d. The Chief Judge of the State Supreme Court shall be appointed by the Chairman of the State Executive Council if he/she is selected as the leader among the judges from state supreme court.
- e. If an appointed Chief Judge of the State Supreme Court is a member or employee of any political party or organization, he/she must resign as a member or employee from that organization or party upon his/her appointment as a judge.

LOCATION OF THE SUPREME COURT

SECTION 64. The State Supreme Court shall be established in a safe and secure location within Karenni State where judicial activities can be properly carried out.

SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES

SECTION 65. Judges at different levels shall be selected and appointed in accordance with the State Judiciary Law and regulation based on the following qualifications:

- a. Professional work experience in legal and judiciary sectors;
- b. CDM judges; or
- c. Persons appointed by the ethnic revolutionary organizations.

TERM OF JUDGES

SECTION 66.(a) The term of appointed judges shall last until the completion of the interim period.

- (b) A judge shall be replaced in accordance with the enacted laws and instructions if there is an incident of death, illness or criminal conviction, and the judge cannot perform the appointed responsibilities or he/she is otherwise inappropriate or lacks capacity to continue working in the existing position.

JUDICIAL POWER OF THE STATE SUPREME COURT

SECTION 67. The State Supreme Court has the highest jurisdiction of the state and shall have the power to adjudicate the following matters:

- a. Criminal cases regarding disputes among the tribal groups or different ethnicities.
- b. Appealed offenses.
- c. Transferred Crimes/criminal cases between the courts.
- d. Disputes regarding the Karenni State Interim Arrangements.
- e. Writ matters.
- f. Crimes of treason against the revolution.

JUDICIAL POWER OF LOCAL COURTS AND SMALL-SCALE COURTS

SECTION 68. The judicial power of local courts and small-scale courts shall be authorized in accordance with the state judiciary laws.

EXEMPTION

SECTION 69. Judges shall not be prosecuted except for premeditated cases.

PROTECTION FOR JUDGES

SECTION 70. All judges appointed by the state consultative council shall be protected and the safety and security of their lives guaranteed to support proper judicial operation during the interim period.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

TERM OF THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENT

SECTION 71. The term of these Karenni State Interim Arrangements shall last until the end of the revolutionary period.

LEGITIMACY OF THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

SECTION 72. (a) The Interim Arrangements of the KSCC shall be negotiated and agreed upon within the KSCC.

(b) The State Interim Arrangements shall gain legitimacy by seeking support and endorsement from all the revolutionary forces in Karenni State through a conference. After that, the Interim Arrangements can be in effect for implementation.

AMENDMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

SECTION 73. Any amendments to these Karenni State Interim Arrangements may be made through thorough deliberation among the member organizations of the state consultative council and shall come into effect if there is an agreement by at least 75% of its members.

FORMATION OF COMMISSIONS

SECTION 74. The Chair of the Interim Executive Council shall form the following additional commissions as necessary with guidance from the Karenni State Consultative Council in order to effectively develop and implement emergency legislation for Karenni State during the interim period:

- a. Human Rights Commission,
- b. Commission on Women and Children, and
- c. Refugee Affairs Coordination Commission.

FINANCIAL REGULATION

SECTION 75. The Karenni State Interim Executive Council's finance department shall draft a state financial policy, which shall be approved by the KSCC. The state financial policy must be followed by the KSCC as well as the interim state legislative, administrative and judicial branches.

TRANSITIONAL MEASURES

SECTION 76. (a) A working committee shall be established to make preparations for the development of a transitional constitution and a transitional government.

(b) The KSCC shall dissolve the Interim Arrangements as soon the interim period has come to an end, and it shall make a public announcement of the dissolution.

RESPONSIBILITY TO IMPLEMENT THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

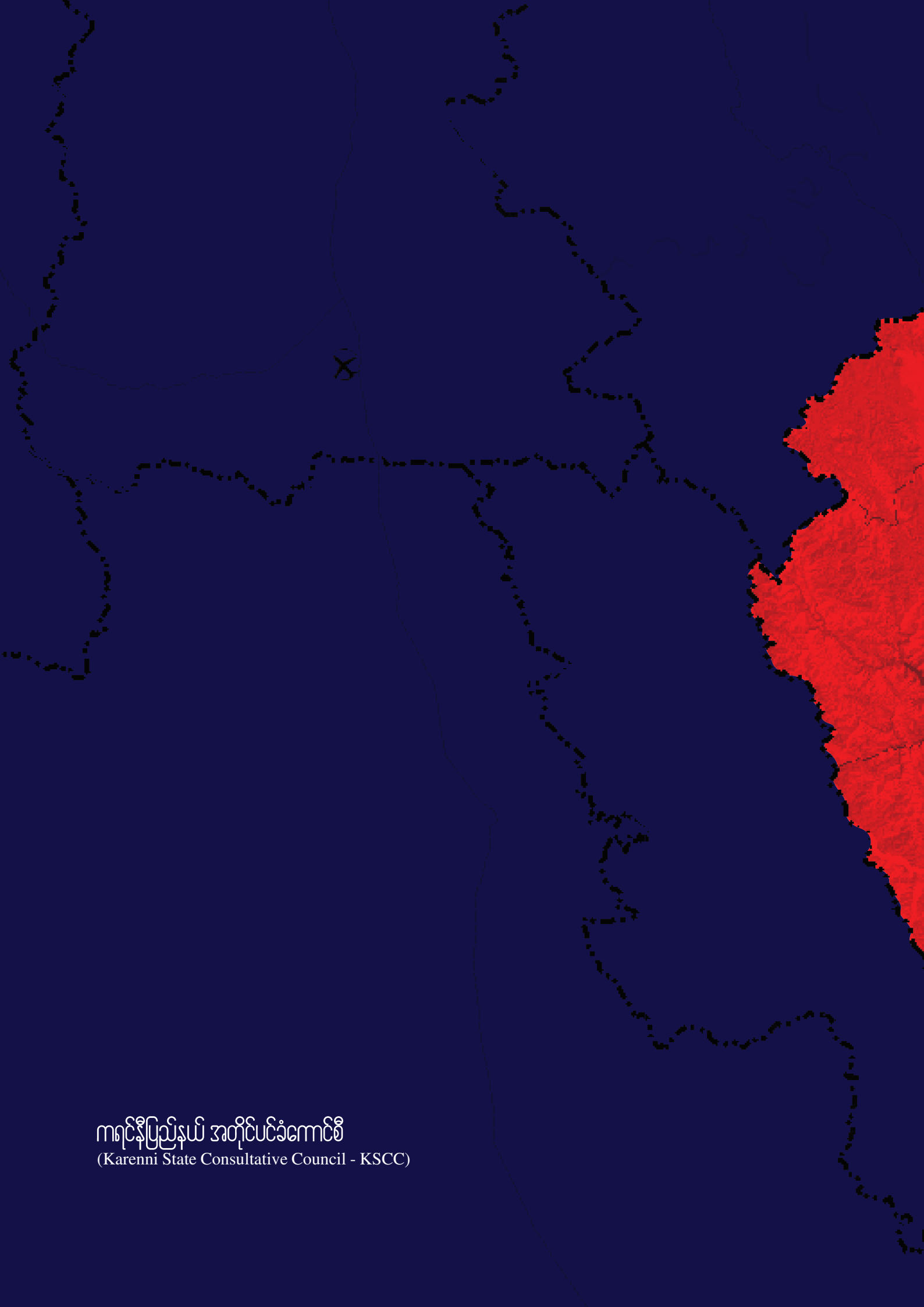
SECTION 77. Member organizations of the KSCC are fully responsible to exercise and bring about equality, democracy promotion and self-determination for Karenni State according to the Interim Arrangements.

SECTION 78. The state administrative committees and the public service committees established by the KSCC before the ratification of the Interim Arrangements shall come under the supervision of the State Executive Council as soon as the Interim Arrangements are ratified.

SECTION 79. (a) Any entity formed according to the Interim Arrangements, including the KSCC, shall be obligated to abide by the Interim Arrangements.

(b) Every revolutionary force or group participating in the KSCC shall comply with this Karenni State Interim Arrangements.

SECTION 80. This Karenni State Interim Arrangements shall be applied from the current revolutionary period until the time when the military dictatorship has ended.



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