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Lt. Gen. Kyaw Swe

Ministry of Home Affairs

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*Aung Ko Htwe*

Dear Minister,

I have been informed by Amnesty International that after he had given a media interview regarding his experience with the Myanmararmed forces **Aung Ko Htwe** was served with a number of charges. Although he has been declared by a court of law to be innocent of one of the accusations made he must serve a custodial sentence of two years and six months.

I ask you respectfully, dear Minister, to have Aung Ko Htwe released unconditionally and without delay and to revoke all convictions for which he has been imprisoned as it is clear that he was sentenced solely for exercising peacefully his human rights.

Furthermore please ensure that pending his release Aung Ko Htwe is detained under conditions corresponding to international standards and to grant him regular access to his family, legal and legal counsel of his choice and any required medical treatment.

Finally, dear Minister, I call upon you to revoke or amend all laws, including section 505 (b) of the Myanmar criminal code, which criminalise or restrict arbitrarily or indiscriminately exercising the right to freedom of speech and to align Myanmar legislation with international human rights standards.

Yours faithfully,

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