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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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STRONGLY URGING THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REQUEST  
BY RESOLUTION THAT THE UNION OF MYANMAR CEASE ATTACKS  
AGAINST CIVILIANS IN ETHNIC MINORITY REGIONS AND BEGIN A  
SUBSTANTIVE POLITICAL DIALOGUE LEADING TO DEMOCRATIC  
TRANSITION.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature, recalling United Nations  
2 General Assembly resolutions 1325 (2000) on Women and Peace and  
3 Security, 1612 (2005) on Children and Armed Conflict, and 1265  
4 (1999) and 1296 (2000) on the Protection of Civilians in Armed  
5 Conflict, and the statement of its President of 28 November 2006  
6 (S/PRST/2006/48); and  
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8 WHEREAS, recalling action by the General Assembly to  
9 establish the "good offices" mission of the Secretary-General,  
10 and in this regard expressing strong support for the continuing  
11 efforts of the Secretary-General and his representatives; and  
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13 WHEREAS, welcoming the visits of the Under-Secretary-  
14 General for Political Affairs to Myanmar in May and November  
15 2006 at the invitation of the Government of Myanmar, and  
16 expressing its full support for the requests the Under-  
17 Secretary-General made to the Government of Myanmar for release  
18 of political prisoners, a more inclusive, transparent and  
19 meaningful political process, free and unhindered humanitarian  
20 access, the cessation of hostilities in Karen State, and an  
21 agreement with the International Labor Organization to address  
22 forced labor complaints; and  
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24 WHEREAS, welcoming the efforts of United Nations agencies  
25 engaged in Myanmar, including the Food and Agriculture  
26 Organization, the International Organization for Migration,  
27 UNAIDS, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,  
28 UNICEF, the United Nations Office of Drug Control, the World  
29 Food Program and the World Health Organization; and

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2 WHEREAS, welcoming efforts by the Association of Southeast  
3 Asian Nations (ASEAN) to expedite a peaceful transition to  
4 democratic rule, and noting the call for early release of  
5 political detainees in Myanmar contained in the Joint Communiqué  
6 of the 39th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting of 25 July 2006 and  
7 reiterated at the Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM VI) in Helsinki in  
8 September 2006; and  
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10 WHEREAS, expressing deep concern at the slow pace of  
11 tangible progress in the process towards national reconciliation  
12 in Myanmar and at the continuing detention of political  
13 prisoners, including the prolonged house arrest of Daw Aung San  
14 Suu Kyi, and emphasizing that an inclusive National Convention  
15 offers an opportunity for effective dialogue; and  
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17 WHEREAS, deploring the continued attacks by members of the  
18 Myanmar military in ethnic minority regions on civilians,  
19 including women and children, and in particular the attacks on  
20 civilians in Karen State that have led to increased numbers of  
21 internally displaced people and refugee flows; and  
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23 WHEREAS, recalling A/Res/61/232 (2006) of the General  
24 Assembly, and in this regard expressing deep concern at large-  
25 scale human rights violations in Myanmar, as cited in the report  
26 of the Special Reporter of 21 September 2006, including violence  
27 against unarmed civilians by the Myanmar military, unlawful  
28 killings, torture, rape, forced labor, the militarization of  
29 refugee camps, and the recruitment of child soldiers; and  
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31 WHEREAS, expressing deep concern that the restrictions by  
32 the Government of Myanmar on humanitarian actors contribute to  
33 increased hardship for the civilian population, particularly  
34 those who are most vulnerable and live in remote and conflict-  
35 ridden areas; and  
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37 WHEREAS, underlining the need for tangible progress in the  
38 overall situation in Myanmar in order to minimize the risks to  
39 peace and security in the region; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
3 Session of 2007, that this Body strongly urges the United  
4 Nations General Assembly to request by resolution that the Union  
5 of Myanmar cease attacks against civilians in ethnic minority  
6 regions and begin a substantive political dialogue leading to  
7 democratic transition; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature:

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11 (1) Expresses strong support for the efforts of the  
12 UN Secretary-General and his representatives to  
13 implement his "good offices" mission, and  
14 welcomes the continuing efforts of all relevant  
15 United Nations agencies in this regard;  
16 (2) Urges the Government of Myanmar to respond in a  
17 concrete, complete and timely manner to the  
18 efforts of the Secretary-General to enable him to  
19 fully implement his "good offices" mission;  
20 (3) Calls on the Government of Myanmar to cease  
21 military attacks against civilians in ethnic  
22 minority regions and in particular to put an end  
23 to the associated human rights and humanitarian  
24 law violations against persons belonging to  
25 ethnic nationalities, including widespread rape  
26 and other forms of sexual violence carried out by  
27 members of the armed forces;  
28 (4) Also calls upon the Government of Myanmar to  
29 permit international humanitarian organizations  
30 to operate without restrictions to address the  
31 humanitarian needs of the people of Myanmar;  
32 (5) Further calls on the Government of Myanmar to  
33 cooperate fully with the International Labor  
34 Organization and its representatives in the  
35 eradication of forced labor;  
36 (6) Calls on the Government of Myanmar to begin  
37 without delay a substantive political dialogue,  
38 which would lead to a genuine democratic  
39 transition, to include all political  
40 stakeholders, including representatives of ethnic  
41 nationality groups and political leaders; and

(7) Calls on the Government of Myanmar to take concrete steps to allow full freedom of expression, association, and movement by unconditionally releasing Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and all political prisoners, lifting all constraints on all political leaders and citizens, and allowing the National League for Democracy (NLD) and other political parties to operate freely.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UN Secretary-General is requested to provide a report to the Legislature and Governor of the State of Hawaii, not later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008, regarding the situation in Myanmar, and any proposed legislation, if any.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to:

- (1) The President of the United Nations General Assembly;
- (2) The Secretary-General of the United Nations;
- (3) The Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute;
- (4) The Washington, D.C. Division of Human Rights Watch;
- (5) The United States Office of Amnesty International;
- (6) The Federation of American Scientists;
- (7) The President and Board of Trustees of the Sesame Workshop;
- (8) The Department of Political Science at the University of Hawaii;
- (9) The Spark M. Matsunaga Institute For Peace at the University of Hawaii;
- (10) The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and
- (11) The Chair of the Department of Political Science and Geography at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

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