Letter from Pierre Destexhe of the EU Mission to ASEAN to Justice For Myanmar, November 17, 2021

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Dear Partners | Justice For Myanmar,

In conformity with its strong condemnation of the military coup, its unequivocal non-recognition of the military leadership and its sustained calls for an immediate and unconditional return of democracy in Myanmar, the EU did not engage in any form of dialogue with the military junta, including with the office of the auditor general since February 1, 2021. The EU is at the forefront of the international community's engagement against the coup and in support to the people of Myanmar. Its strict opposition to the junta's legitimacy is indefectible, clear and consistent within its global engagement.

The component of our project "Support to Governance and domestic accountability in the ASEAN region" managed by the EU Delegation to Indonesia was meant to support the Audit Board of Indonesia (BPK) in the implementation of the ASEANSAI's Strategic Plan 2018-2021, which never materialised. The EU wants to make it clear that there has been no involvement of the Myanmar office of the auditor general in any of the activities of the project and no support to the ASEANSAI is planned through the project. In addition, the EU did not provide any financial or technical support to the 6th ASEANSAI Summit.

I hope that the clarifications above meet your expectations and provide the answers to your questions.

Best regards. Pierre

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Dear Partners | Justice For Myanmar,

The EU does not provide support to ASEANSAI. For this reason, I participated in the ASEANSAI Development Coordination Meeting on 26 October 2021 as an observer. As mentioned, the EU does not engage in any form of dialogue with the military junta. Therefore the EU does not plan participation in ASEANSAI events or support to ASEANSAI while the Myanmar military junta is included.

Regards, Pierre