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President U Win Myint
President's Office
Office No. 18 Nay Pyi Taw
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Your Excellentie, Dear President U Win Myint,

We are writing to express our concern about the continuing criminal prosecution of members of the Peacock Generation, who have been targeted solely for their peaceful, satirical Thangyat performances criticizing the Myanmar military. We are disappointed to learn that three members were convicted on 17 February 2020 for "online defamation". These convictions are the latest in a series of jail terms handed down to members of the group for their peaceful performances. Six performers are now serving between two and three years' imprisonment, and some of them face further politically-motivated charges. We urge you to ensure the immediate and unconditional release of all jailed members of the Peacock Generation, to quash their convictions, and to drop further charges against them. In addition, we call on you to bring laws that arbitrarily restrict the right to freedom of expression, including Section 505(a) of the Penal Code and 66(d) of the 2013 Telecommunications Act, into line with international human rights law and standards. We are kindly awaiting your reply.

We thank you for your attention and are confident of your good will and sense of justice.

The Municipal Council of Oosterhout, the Netherlands

, Mayor

, town-clerk

