



INTELLIGENCE NOTE

BURMA

(U//FOUO) Cease-Fire Agreement Draft Signed

(~~C//NF~~) This week, Burmese government and armed ethnic group representatives signed the first draft of a nationwide cease-fire agreement. After seven rounds of negotiations since 2013, both sides agreed to concessions, including the ethnic army recruitment issue, (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(d)

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The nonbinding document establishes principles for a code of conduct, joint cease-fire monitoring, and troop repositioning, but interim arrangements and an annex incorporating detailed provisions remain unfinished. The agreement avoids several controversial issues and lacks implementation plans. It also still requires ethnic group leaders' approval, diminishing prospects for a formal agreement before the November elections.

(b)(3);10 USC 424