

Final Communiqué

Workshop on Pre-Ratification of the United Nations
Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) for Myanmar
Nay Pyi Taw, 24-25 September 2012

On 24 and 25 September 2012, an inter-ministerial group of high-level Government officials representing a range of stakeholders involved in anti-corruption efforts in Myanmar, met in a workshop on pre-ratification of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) for Myanmar organized by the Bureau of Special Investigations (BSI) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Nay Pyi Taw.

A group of resource persons from the Government of Myanmar, UNODC, UNDP, as well as a Commissioner of the National Anti-Corruption Commission of Thailand (NACC), made presentations on legal and institutional anti-corruption frameworks in Myanmar, the rationale for an international anti-corruption regime, substantive provisions of UNCAC, and its review mechanism and the process of ratification as well as Thailand's and regional experiences of ratification and implementation of UNCAC. Presentations were followed by discussions and question and answer sessions.

Following the deliberations the participants recommend:

- 1- that the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar take the necessary measures to ratify, as soon as possible, UNCAC which was signed in December 2005;
- 2- that ongoing legal and institutional reforms be maintained in compliance with requirements of UNCAC;
- 3- that UNODC and UNDP be requested to provide legal advice in the ongoing drafting process of the anti-corruption legislation; and,
- 4- that UNODC and UNDP consider providing comprehensive legal and technical assistance to support Myanmar in the process of ratification and implementation of UNCAC.