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Dear Readers,

Welcome to a new edition of our newsletter.

1. Reconstitution of committees

Following the dissolution of the State Administration Council, the National Defence and Security Council ("NDSC") on 1 August 2025 dissolved 194 committees created by the SAC (<u>newsletter</u>), and later 78 organisations (NDSC Office Notification 4/2025 dated 3 August 2025, published in the Myanmar Gazette dated 22 August 2025).

Many of these committees have since been recreated; the corresponding notifications are being published in installments in the Myanmar Gazette. We think that the following committees and in particular their tasks might interest our readers:

(a) Investment and trade

- Myanmar Investment Commission (translation)
- Cutting, Making and Packing (CMP) Businesses Supervisory Committee (<u>translation</u>)
- Myanmar Special Economic Zone Central Body and Central Working Body (<u>Algenerated translation</u>)
- Central Committee for Ensuring a Smooth Flow of Trade and Goods (<u>translation</u>)
- Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Implementation Steering Committee (<u>Al-generated</u> translation)
- Steering Committee to Combat Illicit Trade (Al-generated translation)

(b) Banking and finance

- Foreign Exchange Supervisory Committee (translation)
- Mobile Financial Services Supervisory Committee (<u>Al-generated translation</u>)
- Microfinance Business Supervisory Committee (<u>translation</u>)
- National Payment System Governing Committee (Al-generated translation)



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 Gold and Currency Market Monitoring, Control and Supervisory Working Committee (<u>translation</u>)

(c) Export/Import

- Establishment of an Import Valuation Team (translation)
- Fuel Import, Storage and Distribution Supervisory Committee (<u>AI-generated</u> translation)

(d) Industrial development

- Industrial Development Commission (<u>AI-generated translation</u>)
- Industry and Industrial Zone Development Central Committee (translation)
- Steering and Coordination Committee for the Establishment of the Korea-Myanmar Industrial Complex (KMIC) (<u>Al-generated translation</u>)

(e) Conscription

- Central Body for Drafting National Servicepersons (translation)
- Committee to Arrange Employment for Those Who Completed Military Service (translation)

(f) Security

- Security, Stability and Rule of Law Committee (Al-generated translation)
- Central Counter-Terrorism Committee (Al-generated translation)
- Cybersecurity Central Committee (<u>Al-generated translation</u>)
- Committee to Take Legal Action Against Fake News, Misinformation, Obscene Posts, and Political Attacks on the Internet (Al-generated translation)
- Central Committee to Supervise the Taking of Swift Action Against and Deportation According to the Law of Foreigners Apprehended for Illegal Entry into Myanmar (translation)
- Central Committee for the Supervision and Care of Foreigners (translation)



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Steering Committee for the Construction of a National Database System (Algebrased translation)

(g) Electric vehicles

- Steering Committee for the Development of Electric Vehicles and Related Industries at the National Level (Al-generated translation)
- Electric Vehicles and Related Industries Special Relief Coordination and Supervisory Working Committee (AI-generated translation)
- Working Committee for the Implementation of Electric Vehicle Operation/Use and Infrastructure (Al-generated translation)
- Electric Vehicles and Related Equipment Research, Development and Technology
 Dissemination Working Committee (<u>Al-generated translation</u>)
- Working Committee to Establish Policies, Standards and Procedures for the Development of Electric Vehicles and Related Industries, and
 - Working Committee for the Promotion of the Import, Export, Installation and Production of Electric Vehicles and Related Industries

(Al-generated translation)

(h) Use of farmland and other land

- Land Use Council (<u>AI-generated translation</u>)
- Central Farmland Management Board (<u>Al-generated translation</u>)
- Central Committee for the Management of Vacant, Fallow, and Virgin Land (Algebrased translation)
- Working Committee to Determine whether to Legalise Unauthorised Use of Farmland (Al-generated translation)
- Central Committee to Review Confiscation of Farmland and Other Land (<u>Algenerated translation</u>)



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(i) NGOs and INGOs

Establishment of the Union Registration Board (translation)

(j) Private security services

Private Security Services Supervisory Central Committee (<u>translation</u>)

(k) Overseas employment

- Overseas Employment Supervisory Committee (<u>Al-generated translation</u>)
- Supervisory Committee to Increase the Inflow to Salaries and Wages of Expatriate Myanmar Citizens (<u>translation</u>)

(I) Chemicals and fertilisers

- Central Committee for the Prevention of Hazards from Chemical and Related Substances (Al-generated translation)
- Urea Fertiliser Purchase, Distribution and Sales Steering Committee (Algebrased translation)

(m) Social security

- Central Provident Fund (CPF) Implementation Committee (<u>AI-generated</u> translation)
- Myanmar National Health Insurance System Development Working Group (Algebrased translation)

(n) Nuclear energy

- Steering Committee to Implement Nuclear Energy at the National Level (Algenerated translation)
- Nuclear Energy Programme Implementation Working Committee (<u>AI-generated</u> translation)

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2. FATF status of Myanmar remains unchanged

The Financial Action Task Force ("**FATF**"), an intergovernmental organisation that works to prevent money-laundering and terrorist financing, announced on <u>24 October 2025</u> that Myanmar's status as high-risk jurisdiction remains unchanged.

Differently to other jurisdiction deemed high-risk (North Korea and Iran), however, the FATF calls on its members and other jurisdictions to make their banks apply enhanced due diligence measures concerning Myanmar-related transactions rather than going one step further and urging the application of effective countermeasures, such as obliging banks to sever ties.

The FATF states that it may consider countermeasures from February 2026 "if no further progress is made".

The FATF also states: "When applying enhanced due diligence, countries should ensure that flows of funds for humanitarian assistance, legitimate NPO activity and remittances are neither disrupted nor discouraged. Especially in relation to earthquake relief efforts in Myanmar, the FATF recognizes the importance of ensuring that implementation of its Recommendations does not adversely and disproportionately affect NPOs and further, does not unduly hinder civil society and the delivery of humanitarian assistance. The FATF will also continue to monitor whether Myanmar's AML/CFT activities apply undue scrutiny to legitimate financial flows."

3. INGO and NGO forms

The General Administration Department under the NDSC published - at an unknown date; we suppose in August 2025 - the forms that INGOs (<u>English translation</u>) and NGOs (<u>English translation</u>) must use when applying for registration with the Union Registration Board. The forms make reference to rules that implement the Registration of Associations Law 2022, but these rules are still not in the public domain.

4. Biofuel blending and distribution licences

On 5 August 2025, the Ministry of Energy under the NDSC published licence rules for businesses blending biofuel with other petroleum products for domestic distribution (English translation).

We hope that you have found this information useful.

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