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The following Security Council press statement on Myanmar was read out today by Council President John Sawers (United Kingdom):

The members of the Security Council reaffirm their statements of 11 October 2007, 2 May 2008 and 22 May 2009 on Myanmar, and reiterate the importance of the release of all political prisoners.

In this context, the members of the Security Council express serious concern at the conviction and sentencing of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and its political impact.

The members of the Security Council note the decision of the Government of Myanmar to reduce Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's sentence and urge the Government of Myanmar to take further measures to create the necessary conditions for a genuine dialogue with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and all concerned parties and ethnic groups in order to achieve an inclusive national reconciliation.

The members of the Security Council reiterate their support for the good offices role of the

Secretary-General.

The members of the Security Council affirm their commitment to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Myanmar, and in that context, reiterate that the future of Myanmar lies in the hands of all of its people.

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