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His Excellency Hu Jintao
President of the People's Republic of China
Beijing
China

Re: Myitsone Dam in Kachin State, Myanmar

Your Excellency:

We are writing to bring to your attention a number of matters regarding the construction activities at the Irrawaddy Myitsone Dam and hydro-electric power plant at the confluence of the Mali and N'Mai rivers 40 kilometres north of Myitkyina in Kachin State, Burma. The confluence of the Mali Hka and the N'Mai Hka is particularly meaningful to all the Kachin peoples both culturally and historically. We consider the confluence of the Mali Hka and the N'Mai Hka as a sacred heritage site that could be likened to the cultural, historical and political importance of the Great Wall of China to the Chinese people. It is imperative that all government and business entities concerned respect and protect the rights of our Kachin people and all the nationalities living in the area who have expressed absolute opposition to the dam project and immediately stop further construction of the Myitsone Dam and the concurrent devastation upon our land bequeathed to us by our forefathers.

The Myitsone Dam is expected to supply up to 4,600 megawatts of electricity and is being constructed by the Chinese state-owned China Power Investment Corporation (CPI) in collaboration with the Myanmar's Ministry of Electric Power and Burma-Asia World Company, owned by drug lord Lo Hsing Han's son, U Tun Myint Naing. While we understand the need for additional sources of electricity to meet the region's continuing development, we implore you, Mr President, to consider the human, cultural, and political cost of

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this dam for those living in its vicinity and its prospective environmental impact.

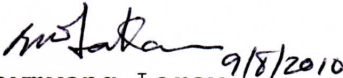
The Myitsone Dam will:

- flood the homes and farmlands of tens of thousands of people,
- destroy churches, temples and other cultural heritage sites which are central to Kachin identity and history,
- submerge an area recognized internationally for its rare ecological significance,
- inundate and kill 766 square kilometres of pristine rainforest,
- cause irreversible damage to the area's river systems, fish, and wildlife and
- disrupt the flow of nutrients to the Irrawaddy's Delta, which provides nearly 60 percent of Burma's rice production.

The dam's location less than 100 kilometres from a major fault line poses the risk that an earthquake might cause landslides into its reservoir or structural damage threatening the lives of hundreds of thousands of people who inhabit the Irrawaddy basin below it.

For all these reasons we implore you, as our esteemed older brother, to please halt the construction of this dam, seek other means of satisfying electricity needs for the region, and help protect our Kachin people, our culture, our rights and our homeland from this unimaginably horrible abomination.

Yours faithfully,


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