



International Christian Peace Movement

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We are members of Pax Christi Australia and a section of Pax Christi International, the International Christian Peace Movement. Pax Christi International has consultative status at the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Through this letter we bring to your attention the worrying situation in Myanmar. We ask that through your leadership to take action to ensure that your company is fully respecting business and human rights standards in all of its activities in Myanmar.

On 1 February 2021, the Myanmar military (Tatmadaw), declared a "state of emergency" to remove a legitimately elected government led by Aung San Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy (NLD). It also tore down a decade of democratic reform and detained civil society activists, monks and civilians. Close to 900 people have been killed by the violence.

As a peace movement, we are deeply troubled by these developments in Myanmar

We understand that the ANZ Corporation and other international corporations are active in Myanmar. We call on you to end support of the Tatmadaw and work for the restoration of peace and democracy through nonviolent means. The continued business activity of the ANZ and other foreign business interests in Myanmar could be seen as colluding with the Tatmadaw.

We urge your company to:

- Carry out rigorous human rights and environmental and stop business activities that lead to human rights violations or potential human rights violations in Myanmar.
- Respect business, human rights and environmental standards, including the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and to take the growing global support for such standards into account, which can be reflected by the current negotiations for an UN Treaty on Business and Human Rights and the upcoming EU legislation on mandatory due diligence legislation for businesses in the field of human rights and the environment.
- End existing business relationships with the military and ensure that it does not profit from any business activities. Ensure your products and services do not contribute to human rights abuses.
- Support the civil rights of workers and their participation in mass actions for the restoration of democracy. Follow International Labour Organization standards and conventions, including the Declaration on the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, which affirms the role of "strong

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social policies, justice and democratic institutions” in ensuring “equity, social progress and the eradication of poverty.”

Such direct, clear, and nonviolent action contributes to the restoration of democracy and peace in Myanmar, however tenuous. Through the combined power of corporate responsibility, citizen mobilization, and international civil society advocacy, we hope that the people of Myanmar will soon see the full protection of their human rights. A democratic and stable Myanmar provides conditions for sustainable economic growth and openness to trade and international partnerships. Supporting the people of Myanmar through your actions today, makes way for the flourishing of all tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

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