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Subject            An open letter to PTT Public Company Limited (PTT) and PTT Exploration and Production PLC (PTTEP) on suspending of supplying income from natural gas projects that benefit the Myanmar Army in order to end human rights violation in Myanmar

Dear                CEO of PTT Public Company Limited,

                          CEO of the PTT Exploration and Production PLC,

Attachment        List of 76 organizations

Since the seizure of power from the people through a military coup on 1 February 2021 citing election fraud of the government led by the National League for Democracy (NLD), the coup-makers have trampled on human dignity of the people of Myanmar, including by restricting the right to the freedom of assembly and freedom of expression, censoring news and press freedom, arresting and detaining politicians and members of the public without charges, destroying and looting property and rice from the people. Most heinously, there has been widespread use of lethal forces including war weapons against unarmed nonviolent protestors, causing a number of casualties. Bodies of the slain protestors have also been disfigured while airstrikes have taken place in ethnic areas. According to reports from media outlets, the criminal like behavior of the Myanmar coup-makers have now claimed more than 765 lives. Since the day of the coup, the situation appears to have escalated and will likely lead to a civil war. The acts of the coup-makers, who call themselves the State Administration Council (SAC) and are led by military and police personnel, appear to constitute a crime against humanity.

On 5 March 2021, the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) composed of MPs elected by the people of Myanmar sent a letters to foreign businesses or state enterprises which invest in Myanmar, particularly Myanmar's four natural gas projects. The projects are joint ventures with the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) that is now under control of the Myanmar Army after grabbing power through the coup. CRPH urged

companies to immediately suspend all business ties with the military junta and to suspend all revenue payments due to MOGE and place such payments in protected accounts because the income from will pour into the pockets of the military junta. One letter is to Thailand's PTT Exploration and Production PLC which is a joint-investor in the Yadana and Yetagun gas pipelines and a holder of exclusive right to develop the Zawtika gas pipeline project. Most of this gas is supplied to Thailand. More crucially, PTT is the gas purchaser for each of these three projects.

According to a briefing released by the "Justice for Myanmar" on 8 February 2021, oil and gas businesses are a major source of income for the Myanmar government. Income from the sale of oil and gas to the joint ventures is supplied to the Myanmar government through MOGE. According the disclosures for the Myanmar Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, in 2017/18, in gas revenues alone, PTT paid over US dollar 615 million that went to MOGE. Overall, gas revenues are estimated to now contribute 50% of Myanmar's foreign exchange and PTT provides at least half of it – this is crucial to the survival of the coup makers. From PTTEP, the income amounts to more than 55.54 billion kyat or around 41.1 million USD just from the Zawtika project.

After the coup happened, people affected by the four gas pipeline projects protesting against the coup. They demanded that foreign companies, both developers and joint-investors, suspend their investment temporarily. Even staff members of MOGE have taken to the streets and shown their opposition to the coup and the killings by the Myanmar Army. More than 80% of MOGE's staff members have joined Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM). A campaign was recently run to invite people from around the world to sign an online petition to demand major global energy companies including Total and Chevron to suspend their investment in the gas pipeline projects to defund the Myanmar Army.

Any implementation of Thai companies in projects that may help to fund the coup makers led by the Myanmar Army and will be used to make possible the violent response against the people of Myanmar who want to protect their democracy and innocent people, is a breach of human rights and humanitarian principles.

To uphold the commitment pledged by your companies to adhere to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UHDR), the International Labour Organization Conventions and your membership of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) since 201 as well as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGP on BHR);



We, the ETOs Watch Coalition, and alliances, total 76 organizations, urge PTTEP as a joint-investor in the Yadana and Yetagun gas pipeline projects as well as the operator of the Zawtika gas pipeline project and PTT as the gas purchaser to suspend all revenue payments and place such payments into escrow/protected accounts in line with CRPH's and civil society's requests until Myanmar has a democratically elected government again and democratization has resumed. Payment to MOGE accounts now controlled by the coup-makers could constitute a breach of the human rights policies proclaimed to the public.

Please be informed and act as demanded.

For humanity and corporate responsibility with respect on human rights

Yours sincerely,

ETOs Watch Coalition

**Signatory organization;**

1. Human Rights and Development Foundation
2. Thai Volunteer Service Foundation (TVS)
3. Community Resource Centre Foundation (CRC)
4. Ecological Alert and Recovery-Thailand (EARTH)
5. NET Foundation (NET)
6. Esaan Community Foundation
7. Foundation for Consumers
8. Foundation for Labour and Employment Promotion
9. Cross Culture Foundation

10. Foundation for AIDS Rights
11. Community of Agro-ecology Foundation
12. Phayao Development Foundation
13. Phetchabun Mountain Range Preservation.and.Development Association
14. Union for Civil Liberty (UCL)
15. Social Sacrifice Association
16. Consumer Association of Khonkaen Province
17. Consumer Association of the Western Region
18. Samut Songkhram Consumer Rights Protection Association
19. Consumers Association of Surat Thani Province
20. Consumers Association of Songkhla Province
21. Human Rights and Environment Association, HREA
22. Coastal Network of the Burapha 5 Eastern Provinces (CPI)
23. Network of Indigenous Peoples in Thailand (NIPT)
24. Network of the Northeastern Consumer Organizations
25. Consumers Protection Network, Maha Sarakham Province
26. People Network in the Health Security System Region 10 , Ubon Ratchathani
27. Esan Alternative Agriculture Network
28. E San Land Reform Network
29. Network of the Southern Consumer Organizations

30. Network of Mekong Conservation Communities, Ubon Ratchathani Province
31. Esan Mekong People Network
32. Community Organization Council Network of 7 Northeastern Provinces in Mekong River Basin Association (ComNet)
33. Women Center Amnatcharoen
34. Center for Dissemination and Promotion of Development
35. Health Security Coordination Center for the Western Region
36. Consumer Rights Protection Center, Ayutthaya Province
37. Center for Ethnic Studies and Development, CMU
38. Legal Advocacy Center for Indigenous Communities
39. FTA Watch
40. Women Workers for Justice Group (WJG)
41. The Mekong Butterfly
42. Surin Group Talk
43. Thai Action Committee for Democracy in Burma- TACDB
44. NGO Coordination Committee
45. Andaman Natural Resources Restoration Cooperation Organization (ARR)
46. Social Democracy Think Tank
47. Women Reforms Thailand (We Move)
48. Internet Project for Public Law (iLaw)

49. Pun Rak Food Project
50. Lan Hoi Siep People University, Chana District, Songkhla Province
51. Project SEVANA South-East Asia
52. Thai Climate Justice for All
53. Spirit in Education Movement (SEM)
54. International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN)
55. Alaska Community Action on Toxics, USA
56. Association of Environmental Education for Future Generations (AEEFG), Tunisia
57. Fundación Agua Clara, Venezuela
58. Paryavaran Mitra, India
59. Let's Help Each Other
60. Maramagri Youth Network
61. Keng Tung Youth
62. Shan MATA
63. NeT Organization
64. Action Committee for Democracy Development
65. Kachin Women's Association Thailand
66. Synergy – Social Harmony Organization
67. Olive Organization
68. Progressive Voice

- 69. Democracy, Peace and Women Organization
- 70. Human Rights Foundation of Monland
- 71. Ta'ang Women's Organization
- 72. Association of Human Rights Defenders and Promoters
- 73. Karen River Watch
- 74. All Arakan Students' and Youths' Congress
- 75. Karen Human Rights Group
- 76. ETOs Watch Coalition

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