Integrated Country Strategy

U.S. Mission to Burma

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Mission Strategy Framework

Mission Goal 1 | Protect U.S. Citizens and the Homeland from Transnational Threats Originating in Burma

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- **Mission Objective 2.1 |** Position the United States as a major trading partner and supplier in Burma by securing at least three major commercial or investment deals valued above $5 million each.
- **Mission Objective 2.2 |** Triple imports of U.S. goods and agricultural products through targeted advocacy by the end of 2030.

Mission Goal 3 | Advance conditions that support an inclusive Peace Agenda in Burma

- **Mission Objective 3.1 |** Support efforts to achieve a cessation of hostilities and durable ceasefire that presents a pathway to a lasting peace agreement by 2030.
- **Mission Objective 3.2 |** Reduce divisions among state and local opposition entities to prepare for nationwide peace discussions by end-2030 to increase U.S. influence and create an environment for U.S. investment over other regional actors.

Mission Goal 4 | Expand U.S. Engagement to Increase Regional Influence

- **Mission Objective 4.1 |** Strengthen U.S. influence in Burma by expanding working-level diplomatic engagement and targeted public messaging that demonstrates how U.S. engagement benefits the United States and Burma.
- **Mission Objective 4.2 |** Ensure U.S. humanitarian assistance leverages partner contributions to reach at least 50 percent (3 million people) of Burma's most vulnerable populations and increases the visibility of U.S.-supported programs to establish the United States as the leading humanitarian donor.

Chief of Mission Priorities

Embassy Rangoon advances the Trump Administration's National Security Strategy priorities by protecting U.S. citizens from transnational threats originating in Burma, protecting American interests, and supporting regional stability in a challenging environment. Burma's strategic location in Southeast Asia, on the doorstep of China and India, and its ongoing political and humanitarian challenges make it a critical country for the United States.

First, we will protect U.S. citizens and the Homeland from transnational threats originating in Burma by disrupting criminal networks, including online scams and narcotics trafficking, and reducing overstay rates of Burmese nationals in the United States to zero. The Mission will strengthen law enforcement coordination, expand repatriation cooperation, and support significant law enforcement actions to safeguard American interests. Post will pursue an law enforcement cooperation agreement to increase our ability to combat Burma-based online scams.

Second, we will address the U.S. bilateral trade deficit with Burma. This requires both effective interagency advocacy with Burmese companies and Naypyitaw decision makers to improve the regulatory environment for U.S. companies. We will work with the American Chamber of Commerce to advocate a transparent predictable import licensing and foreign exchange allocation approval system for U.S. companies. These efforts aim to triple imports from the United States and secure at least three major commercial or investment deals.

Third, we will advance President Trump's Peace Agenda in Burma by supporting efforts to achieve a durable ceasefire and facilitating at least three multistakeholder forums that produce concrete agreements or policy proposals. These actions will reduce divisions among state and local opposition entities, prepare for nationwide peace discussions, and create an environment for U.S. investment over other regional actors.

Fourth, we will expand U.S. regional influence by deepening diplomatic, economic, and public engagement, expanding working-level relationships, and delivering targeted messaging that demonstrates the benefits of U.S. engagement for both countries. We will ensure U.S. humanitarian assistance serves as a catalyst for partner matching and reaches at least 50 percent (3 million people) of Burma's most vulnerable populations, increase the visibility of U.S.-

supported programs, and strengthen Burma's infectious disease surveillance and response capacity to protect the American people.

Our approach is grounded in President Trump's America First Foreign Policy, the National Security Strategy, and the Department's Agency Strategic Plan. We will coordinate closely with regional partners, including the Asia Quad (Australia, India, Japan, and the United States), Asia Troika (Japan, ROK, and the United States), and ASEAN, to amplify U.S. influence and pursue unified action on peace, prosperity, and security in Burma. Embassy Rangoon is committed to delivering results that advance U.S. interests and strengthen regional stability.

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Mission Goals and Objectives

Goal 1 | Protect U.S. Citizens and the Homeland from Transnational Threats Originating in Burma

Goal 1 Overview | Embassy Rangoon will protect U.S. citizens and the Homeland by disrupting transnational threats originating in Burma, including online scams, narcotics trafficking, and illegal immigration. Through strengthened law enforcement cooperation and enhanced border security coordination, the Mission will reduce risks to Americans and uphold U.S. sovereignty. This goal directly advances Administration priorities to secure our borders and combat transnational crime.

Objective 1.1 | Disrupt Burma-linked criminal networks in coordination with partners.

- **Objective 1.1 Overview |** Embassy Rangoon will protect U.S. citizens and the Homeland by disrupting transnational threats originating in Burma, including online scam centers, narcotics trafficking, and illegal immigration. Post will pursue an agreement on law enforcement cooperation that will increase our ability to combat Burma-based online scams. Through strengthened law enforcement cooperation, the Mission will reduce risks to Americans and uphold U.S. sovereignty. This goal directly advances Administration priorities to secure our borders and combat transnational crime.
- **Objective 1.1 Linkages |** 1. NSS: 2.A: The era of mass migration is over, 2. NSS: 1.F: Sovereignty and respect, 3. NSS: 2.B: Protection of core rights and liberties
- **Objective 1.1 Lead and Supporting Offices |** Lead: RSO; Supporting: Legal Attache, Drug Enforcement Administration, Defense Attache's Office, Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, Public Diplomacy/Public Affairs

Objective 1.2 | Reduce overstay rates of nationals of Burma to zero while expanding repatriation cooperation with Burmese authorities.

- **Objective 1.2 Overview |** The Mission will reduce visa overstays and illegal immigration from Burma by enhancing consular screening procedures, strengthening information sharing with DHS, and expanding repatriation cooperation with Burmese

authorities. Burma nationals currently hold the highest visa overstay rate in the United States, at 38 percent for B-1/B-2 visa holders in FY 2024, posing a direct challenge to U.S. border integrity and immigration system enforcement. By improving migration management and building a more reliable repatriation framework, the Mission will protect U.S. sovereignty, reduce risks posed by Burma-origin migrants with criminal histories, and uphold the integrity of the U.S. immigration system. This objective directly supports Administration priorities to secure U.S. borders and ensure lawful immigration.

- **Objective 1.2 Linkages |** 1. NSS: 2.A: The era of mass migration is over, 2. NSS: 1.F: Sovereignty and respect, 3. NSS: 1.A: Focused Definition of the National Interest
- **Objective 1.2 Lead and Supporting Offices |** Lead: CONS; Supporting: Regional Security Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Goal 2 | Address the Trade Deficit by Expanding Opportunities for U.S. Exports

Goal 2 Overview | The Mission will work to reduce the U.S. trade deficit with Burma by expanding opportunities for U.S. exports and investment. By advocating for fair market access and supporting U.S. businesses, the Mission will position the United States as a major economic partner and promote mutually beneficial growth. This goal aligns with Administration priorities to advance U.S. economic interests and strengthen supply chain security.

Objective 2.1 | Position the United States as a major trading partner and supplier in Burma by securing at least three major commercial or investment deals valued above $5 million each.

- **Objective 2.1 Overview |** This objective seeks to secure at least three major commercial or infrastructure deals for U.S. companies, positioning the United States as a leading trading partner. By leveraging high-level advocacy and interagency coordination, the Mission will promote U.S. business interests and exports, supporting economic development in Burma. Achieving this objective will advance Administration priorities to rebalance trade, promote American jobs, and counter unfair trade practices.
- **Objective 2.1 Linkages |** 1. NSS: 2.E.1: Balanced trade, 2. NSS: 1.H: Pro-American worker, 3. NSS: 3.B.1: Win the economic future

- **Objective 2.1 Lead and Supporting Offices |** Lead: POL-ECON; Supporting: U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, Foreign Agricultural Service

Objective 2.2 | Triple imports of U.S. goods and agricultural products through targeted advocacy by the end of 2030.

- **Objective 2.2 Overview |** Burma's state-planned economy requires companies to secure approvals to import products, and the lack of hard currency prevents the issuance of licenses, crippling U.S. businesses and limiting imports. The Mission will advocate to triple imports of U.S. goods and agricultural products in Burma. By engaging with Burmese authorities and addressing regulatory barriers, the Mission will expand market access for U.S. goods and services. This objective supports Administration priorities to promote American exports, create U.S. jobs, and ensure a level playing field for U.S. businesses.
- **Objective 2.2 Linkages |** 1. NSS: 2.E.1: Balanced trade, 2. NSS: 1.H: Pro-American worker, 3. NSS: 3.B.1: Win the economic future
- **Objective 2.2 Lead and Supporting Offices |** Lead: POL-ECON; Supporting: U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, Foreign Agricultural Service

Goal 3 | Advance conditions that support an inclusive Peace Agenda in Burma

Goal 3 Overview | The Mission will support efforts to achieve a durable ceasefire and advance President Trump's Peace Agenda in Burma. By facilitating dialogue and supporting multi-stakeholder engagement, the Mission will help lay the groundwork for lasting peace and national reconciliation. This goal aligns with Administration priorities to promote stability, human rights, and good governance.

Objective 3.1 | Support efforts to achieve a cessation of hostilities and durable ceasefire that presents a pathway to a lasting peace agreement by 2030.

- **Objective 3.1 Overview |** This objective aims to support Burmese and international efforts to end its conflict with a peace agreement by July 2030. The Mission will engage with all relevant stakeholders, provide technical assistance, and coordinate with

international partners to facilitate negotiations. Achieving this objective will advance Administration priorities to promote peace, stability, and human rights in Burma.

- **Objective 3.1 Linkages |** 1. NSS: 2.D: Realignment through peace, 2. NSS: 1.B: Peace through strength, 3. NSS: 3.B.2: Prevent military confrontation
- **Objective 3.1 Lead and Supporting Offices |** Lead: POL-ECON; Supporting: Foreign Assistance, Defense Attache's Office

Objective 3.2 | Reduce divisions among state and local opposition entities to prepare for nationwide peace discussions by end-2030 to increase U.S. influence and create an environment for U.S. investment over other regional actors.

- **Objective 3.2 Overview |** The Mission will facilitate at least three multistakeholder forums that produce concrete agreements or policy proposals advancing fiscal federalism and territorial demarcation in Burma, which will create opportunities to access Burma's bountiful rare earth resources and combat scam centers. By reducing divisions between central, state, and ethnic organizations, the Mission will help create conditions for sustainable peace and inclusive governance. This objective supports Administration priorities to promote good governance, national unity, and regional stability.
- **Objective 3.2 Linkages |** 1. NSS: 2.D: Realignment through peace, 2. NSS: 1.D: Flexible realism, 3. NSS: 3.B.1: Win the economic future
- **Objective 3.2 Lead and Supporting Offices |** Lead: POL-ECON; Supporting: Foreign Assistance, Defense Attache's Office

Goal 4 | Expand U.S. Engagement to Increase Regional Influence

Goal 4 Overview | The United States will expand diplomatic, economic, and public engagement in Burma to strengthen regional influence and counter malign actors. By deepening relationships and increasing the visibility of U.S. leadership, the Mission will position the United States as one of Burma's strategic partners and reinforce a free and open Indo-Pacific. This goal supports Administration priorities to advance U.S. interests and values in the region.

Objective 4.1 | Strengthen U.S. influence in Burma by expanding working-level diplomatic engagement and targeted public messaging that demonstrates how U.S. engagement benefits the United States and Burma.

- **Objective 4.1 Overview |** This objective aims to elevate the United States' standing with Burmese decision-makers by expanding working-level diplomatic engagement and implementing targeted public messaging campaigns. By building relationships with key stakeholders and amplifying U.S. values and achievements, the Mission will counter competing narratives and reinforce U.S. leadership. Achieving this objective will advance Administration priorities to counter China's influence and promote a free and open Indo-Pacific. Success will be measured by increased positive coverage of U.S. activities in Burmese media, concrete steps toward political and economic reform, and requests for U.S. engagement from government, business, and civil society stakeholders, compared to other regional players.
- **Objective 4.1 Linkages |** 1. NSS: 2.C: Burden-sharing and burden-shifting, 2. NSS: 1.F: Sovereignty and respect, 3. NSS: 3.B.1: Win the economic future
- **Objective 4.1 Lead and Supporting Offices |** Lead: PD; Supporting: Political/Economic, Foreign Assistance

Objective 4.2 | Ensure U.S. humanitarian assistance leverages partner contributions to reach at least 50 percent (3 million people) of Burma's most vulnerable populations and increases the visibility of U.S.-supported programs to establish the United States as the leading humanitarian donor.

- **Objective 4.2 Overview |** The Mission will ensure that U.S. humanitarian assistance is effectively delivered to Burma's most vulnerable populations, while increasing U.S. leadership and advocacy for the safe implementation of humanitarian assistance programs. By leveraging U.S. influence to expand humanitarian access and encourage burden sharing, the Mission will reinforce America's reputation as the leading humanitarian donor, versus other regional actors, and promote self-reliance in recipient communities. The Mission will also strengthen Burma's emerging disease detection and rapid response capacity, stopping infectious disease threats at the source. This objective

supports Administration priorities to advance U.S. interests, protect American lives, foster stability, and counter the influence of adversarial donors.

- **Objective 4.2 Linkages |** 1. NSS: 2.C: Burden-sharing and burden-shifting, 2. NSS: 2.D: Realignment through peace, 3. NSS: 3.B.1: Win the economic future
- **Objective 4.2 Lead and Supporting Offices |** Lead: FA; Supporting: Centers for Disease Control, Public Diplomacy/Public Affairs