
LETTER DATED 11 JANUARY 1949 FROM THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNION OF BURMA
TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL CONCERNING THE INDONESIAN QUESTION

Sir,

Under instructions from the Government of the Union of Burma, I have the honour to submit this application of Burma to participate in the discussion of the Indonesian situation.

My Government claims that the interests of Burma are specially affected by the matter under discussion, and makes this application under Article 31 of the Charter of the United Nations. My Government is encouraged by the fact that India, the Philippines, and Australia, which are not members of the Security Council, have already been allowed to participate in the discussion of this matter. The interests of these countries are so inter-linked with those of Burma, geographically, politically and strategically, that it seems clear that any decision by the Security Council in this matter is bound to affect Burma directly. Burma is not only interested in the maintenance of international peace and security, and is not only moved by the humanitarian desire to prevent further bloodshed, and realizes that such considerations and motives would apply equally to every member State of the United Nations. Burma claims that her interests are directly and immediately at stake. There is, first, the factor of geographical proximity which, under conditions of modern warfare, would justify Burma's claim to take a special interest in the maintenance of peace in the Far Eastern Area. Further, Burma's economic interests are indissolubly bound up with countries that lie between India on the one hand and Australia on the other. As Burma suffered the greatest measure of devastation in the Far East during World War II, and is engaged in the tasks of economic and social reconstruction and rehabilitation, she is vitally interested in all measures calculated to restore security in the particular part of the world in which she is situated, and therefore, in all measures which would minimize the repercussions which would inevitably result from a failure to check the present trends in the Indonesian situation. My Government, therefore, feels very strongly that she has a special interest in any plans or proposals designed to control the present situation, with a view ultimately to reach

a pacific settlement.

My Government would, therefore, appreciate a sympathetic consideration of this application to participate in the discussion of the Indonesian question in the manner contemplated by Article 31 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration,

/s/ SO NYUN

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AMBASSADOR OF THE UNION OF BURMA
TO THE U.S.A.
