DECLARATION OF APPLICANT dated January \_\_\_2025

I am Mr.\_\_\_\_\_ . I am a -year-old, single, native and citizen of Burma.

I arrived in the United States on \_\_\_, 2023 on an F-1 visa.

I fear the Burma government and private citizens will torture and kill me because of my political

opinion [pro-democracy and anti-dictatorship].

RELIGION ETHNIC GROUP

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I was born in Burma on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

August 8, 1988 is famous: “8-88”??

2007: *Saffron revolution*

March 24, 2017: Mr. Oo Ko Ni, a grey-haired lawyer, who had criticized the government, was assassinated as he arrived at the Yangon International Airport.

March 2020: COVID arrived. Most things shut down.

February 1, 2021: The *junta* executed a *coup*.

April 15th: Water festival

May 24, 2021: an American journalist, Danny Fenster, was arrested at the Yangon airport as he attempted to depart from Burma.

June 19th: birthday of Aung San Suu Kyi

July 19th: Martyr’s Day

December 10, 2021: Mr. Zaw pleads guilty to attempted assassination of a dissident Burmese Ambassador, Mr. Tun, in New York. This shows the government of Burma actively surveils events and people in the United States.

December 12, 2021: Burmese journalist, Mr. Ye Mon, was arrested at Yangon airport upon arrival of his flight from Bangkok. He was beaten and abused. The officials knew he had published anti-government articles while he was in Thailand.

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A citizen of Japan/USA/Australia has a government that will protect him. If the Burmese government arrests foreigners, without being worried, will the Burmese government hesitate to arrest one of its own citizens? Of course not.

2022

January 31st: people were preparing to engage in a “silent strike.”The government did not like that. So, they made announcements by loudspeakers: “Everyone must open up the businesses and shops as usual. Do not engage in silent strike. If you do, you will be punished.”

February 1st: many people disobeyed; MANY WERE ARRESTED??

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August 26, 2022: former British ambassador, Ms. Vicky Bowman, was arrested at her home in Yangon and taken to Insein Prison. She was charged with this crime: staying at a different address than the residence that she officially registered.

September 29, 2002: Mr. Sean Turnell, an economic advisor from Australia, was sentenced to prison for three years, for giving advice to Aung San Suu Kyi. Mr. Terrell was arrested in February 2021, and has been unable to meet with his lawyer or with representatives from the Australian Embassy.

October 13, 2022: Japanese filmmaker, Mr. Toru Kubota, was sentenced to three more years in prison, because he filmed a protest.

October 20, 2022: Mr. Saw Tun Moe, 46-year-old math teacher beheaded in Magway region due to his political opinion.

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July 4, 2023: an activist, Ms. Thuzar Maung, was kidnapped from her home in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She had 93,000 followers on Facebook, where she posted criticisms of the *junta.*

July 19th: Martyr’s Day

August 19, 2023: a Swiss filmmaker, Mr. Didier Nusbaumer, age 52, was arrested in Burma, along with 13 others, including a 12 year-old girl, for producing and acting in a film that “degraded the dignity” of Buddhists monks.

October 30, 2023: *Junta* revokes passports of anti-coup activists in Singapore.

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January 26: Myanmar journalist Hmu Yadanar Khet [Moh Moh Tun] was sentenced to an

additional 10 years in prison.

January 31: journalist Myat Thu Tan killed while in military custody. He had criticized the government on his Facebook page, and had been in prison since September 2022. He had never been brought to trial.

February 1st: anniversary #3 of the *coup*

# On 10 February 2024, the military announced mandatory military service for young people which affects males of ages 18-45 and females from 18-35 to serve at least two years under military command.

Valentine’s Day: February 14, 2024: Mr. Mya Zaw’s airplane landed at Yangon Airport, arriving from the United States where he had protested in public. He was arrested upon arrival. He was “disappeared.” He might be in prison; he might be dead. His sister was at the airport to greet him; she was told nothing. As of today, there has been no news about Mr. Zaw. His wife lives in Florida, and grieves.

April 12, 2024: *Washington Post* reports: “Nearly half the population lives under the national poverty line of 76 cents per day.”

April 15th: Water festival

May 24: Department of State issued a Joint Statement with Australia, Canada, Korea, and the United Kingdom: “We are deeply concerned about...credible reports of violations and abuses committed against the civilian population, including airstrikes on homes, schools, places of worship and hospitals, torture, the use of civilians as human shields,...

“The military regime is systematically restricting access to life saving humanitarian assistance. [the military blocks roads and telecommunications].

June 19th: birthday of Aung San Suu Kyi

July 19th: Martyr’s Day

August 8th

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November 21, 2024: Pinnya Zawta, a monk and U.S. citizen, was arrested a few days after he arrived in Yangon. He had criticized the *junta* while in the United States.

2025 2025

January 1, 2025: Cybersecurity law enacted. Using Virtual Private Networks [VPNs] is now punishable by six months in prison. Crucially, the law also states that “Myanmar citizens residing in foreign countries shall be liable to punishment under this law if they commit any offense,” which effectively extends the provisions of the law to the large diaspora of exiled junta opponents, including much of the nation’s independent media.

January 7, 2025: *The Washington Post* reports that the junta cancels passports “belonging to politically active people in the diaspora.” Deportees, some only 15 years old, “have been forcibly recruited into the Myanmar military upon their return.”

January 9, 2025: *The Associated Press* reports: Burmese fighter jets bomb village in western Burma, killing 40, and injuring 20. Women and children were among the victims. More than 500 houses were burned down.

Jan 2025: I live in Washington, DC.

I sometimes have flashbacks about

The junta in Burma continues to arrest, torture and murder people..

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There are more details to my story, but I was advised to keep this short.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on , 202\_\_. Signature: *Pxxxxxx*