



**Urging International Enterprises, Multinational Companies and Conglomerates  
Regarding Investments in Burma/Myanmar from the Aspects of the Rule of Law,  
the Rule of International and National Laws**

**Statement No.1: Conflict Risk Assessment Requirements for Companies**

Currently in Burma, the *Tatmadaw* military regime, State Administration Council (SAC) led by Min Aung Hlaing, has been committing the gravest crimes of international concern – war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and torture. A majority of the Ethnic States/Provinces are currently resisting the aggression of SAC by various means, primarily focusing on armed struggles. The entire country has become a conflict-affected area.

When a company does business or has a **supply chain** in the conflict-affected area, it should regularly conduct conflict risk assessments and ensure that it adequately trains management and security personnel in IHL (International Humanitarian Law or Law of War) rules and principles, including those related to the use of force and the protection of civilian property.<sup>1</sup>

A supply chain is the process of getting a product or service from raw materials to the customer, and it involves several stages:

- **Sourcing:** Gathering raw materials
- **Manufacturing:** Producing the product
- **Shipping:** Transporting the product
- **Storage:** Storing the product
- **Distribution:** Distributing the product
- **Delivery:** Delivering the product to the customer

A supply chain is made up of a network of companies and subcontractors, including suppliers, manufacturers, wholesalers, service providers, and retailers. The timely flow of

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Jonathan Kolieb, 'Don't forget the Geneva Conventions: achieving responsible business conduct in conflict-affected areas through adherence to international humanitarian law' (2020) 26 Australian Journal of Human Rights 142. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1323238X.2020.1792137> available at [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3690126](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3690126)

information across the supply chain is important for aligning these stages. In all processes of a supply chain, any misconduct shall not take place. If a misconduct transpires,<sup>2</sup> the responsible culprits from any company should be accused of being complicit in conducting business with Min Aung Hlaing who has been committing the gravest breaches of Geneva Convention and Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

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<sup>2</sup> Karen Human Rights Group - Aircraft coming! : Impacts of air strikes on local communities and villagers' protection strategies in Southeast Burma since the 2021 coup: <https://www.khrg.org/2024/11/24-1-thematic-report/ကဘီယူပဲလံ-aircraft-coming-impacts-air-strikes-local-communities-and>