

**ALTSEAN-Burma and 46 NGOs and individuals,**

We have confirmed the receipt of your letter regarding the Telecommunications Business in Myanmar on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We have been making efforts to contribute to the development of Myanmar economically and socially by developing diversified businesses through investments in social infrastructure. We share the deep concern felt by you about the current situation in Myanmar and hope to see a swift and peaceful resolution.

As described in our statement dated September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, despite the adverse conditions, we believe that our actions are exerting positive effects from the perspective of providing technical and marketing support for the country's communication service, which is an essential element of its people's lives and economic activities, as well as of respecting human rights.

We have been making effort to respect human rights regarding lawful interception and mobile internet shutdown as described our statements. Furthermore, we have been analyzing and monitoring various risks in conflict-affected Myanmar, including human rights risks through gathering information and engagements with our stakeholders, such as our employees, partners, NGOs, investors and other Myanmar experts, and will continue and strengthen these initiatives. Though not all the information can be disclosed due to the concern of safety of our local colleagues, their family members and other related people and the confidentiality obligations under relevant laws and contracts, we will consider to disclose appropriate information so as to achieve our accountability.

Sumitomo Corporation continues to pursue ways to respect international human rights norms such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, including dialogues with stakeholders, in accordance with the Sumitomo Corporation Group's Human Rights Policy.

Sincerely,

Sumitomo Corporation