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On 19 August 2019, U Chan Aye, Director-General of the International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar received Ms. Cecile Fradot, Deputy Representative of UNHCR in Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. In the meeting, the Director-General explained the position of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the UNHCR's request to access the resettlement sites of 3,450 verified displaced persons who are planned to repatriate to Myanmar on 22 August 2019 in accordance with the bilateral agreements between Myanmar and Bangladesh, and areas of cooperation between Myanmar and UNHCR.

The Director-General informed the UNHCR's Deputy Representative that the repatriation of 3,450 verified displaced persons will be conducted in accordance with the bilateral agreements between Myanmar and Bangladesh. In line with the MOU signed between Myanmar and UNDP/UNHCR, the UNHCR could propose related assistance to facilitate the resettlement of the returnees on their return to Myanmar, and Myanmar will also inform the UNHCR should it have any need for assistance in its efforts of resettlement. The Government of Myanmar provided relevant information on the resettlement and sites to the Bangladesh Government, in accordance with the bilateral agreements. If Bangladesh needs any further information, Myanmar stands ready to cooperate with Bangladesh constructively.

Myanmar would continue to cooperate with UNHCR in accordance with the MOU signed between Myanmar and UNDP/UNHCR and therefore the UNHCR may render its assistance for the returnees at the Hla Phoe Khaung transit center in Maungdaw Township, Rakhine State and at subsequent resettlement sites.

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