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Subject: A letter urging the Nobel Foundation to revoke Nobel Peace Prize of Ms Aung San Suu Kyi

Dear Mr Mattias Fyrenius:

Warm greetings from Australia.

I note that The Nobel Foundation awarded The Nobel Peace Prize to Ms Aung San Suu Kyi in 1991 and the citation states, "for her non-violent struggle for democracy and human rights." Like many others around the world, I was very happy to see Ms Aung San Suu Kyi receiving the prize for her nonviolent stand against the military junta of Burma (now called Myanmar).

Beyond doubt, The Nobel Peace Prize is the highest international prize only to be awarded to people who have made outstanding contributions to peace by fostering global brotherhood and/or sisterhood and serving humanity.

It is a natural expectation that the laureates of the Nobel Peace Prize will remain a symbol of peace and keep working for peace throughout their lives regardless of their position or power.

Ironically, in recent years, Ms Suu Kyi has completely failed to stand or work for peace in her own country. Actually, she is now not only a part of the military dominated oppressive regime of Myanmar but also effectively leading a government that is pursuing the policy of ethnic cleansing of Rohingyas in the Arakan state of Myanmar. The international media (some references below) has extensively documented/reported the recent brutal killing of thousands civilian men, women and children and the burning of hundreds of homes by the security forces of Myanmar. Over 150,000 Rohingyas have already taken shelter in neighboring Bangladesh while many of their family members were killed on the way by indiscriminate firing of the army and drowning of overcrowded boats trying to cross the river.

Last year, when she was asked by a BBC journalist in an interview about the genocide of Rohingyas, she became furious and refused to answer any questions on the issue (and she started questioning the religion of the journalist). She has never said anything against the ongoing military oppression of Rohingyas or other minorities in Myanmar. Instead, recently she has made a ridiculous claim of 'iceberg of misinformation' brushing aside the reality on the ground and international media reports. This statement confirms that she would not consider a just and enduring peace in the Arakan state of Myanmar.

Clearly Ms Suu Kyi does not stand for peace anymore, and has repeatedly shown no respect for human rights. She has changed the side, and now become a part of the rulers who run the country by guns and suppress civilian population by brutal killing. Should she still remain a Nobel Peace Prize laureate? Due to her government's rampant violation of human rights and ongoing killing of

thousands of innocent children, women and men of ethnic Rohingyas the world does not view her as a symbol of peace anymore.

When a Nobel Peace Prize laureate refuses to be an agent of peace, chooses to be an accomplice to “ethnic cleansing” with violence and destruction then for the sake of peace itself the prize should be reclaimed by the Nobel Peace Prize Committee.

I humbly urge you, and through you the Nobel Peace Prize Committee, to recall the Peace Prize of Ms Suu Kyi so that the Nobel Foundation preserves its undisputed integrity, international reputation, and universal trust.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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Some recent related media reports:

NY Times reporter Hannah Beech describing the fleeing Rohingyas and their horrible stories at <https://www.nytimes.com/video/international-home/100000005404848/endless-stream-of-rohingya-flee-military-offensive.html>

Austin Ramzy reports on at least 123,000 Rohingyas have entered Bangladesh at <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/05/world/asia/un-rohingya-bangladesh-myanmar.html?ref=todayspaper>

The BBC's Jonathan Head is in burned villages of Maungdaw in Rakhine state, Myanmar <http://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-asia-41178692/rohingya-crisis-at-the-scene-in-rakhine-state-myanmar>

Aljazeera on the perilous journey of Rohingya refugees <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/inpictures/2017/09/myanmar-perilous-journey-rohingya-refuges-170906084721323.html>

CNN on Who are the Rohingya and why are they fleeing? http://edition.cnn.com/2017/09/05/asia/rohingya-myanmar-explainer/index.html?utm_source=homepage-australia