

## A Message from Léon de Riedmatten, Executive Director, The Border Consortium

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On this International Women's Day, 8th March, as the Executive Director of The Border Consortium, I confirm we stand in solidarity with the courageous women from southeastern Myanmar, including those displaced and living in camps across Thailand. These resilient women, amidst conflict and displacement, exemplify strength and determination in the face of adversity. Today, we recommit ourselves to supporting their journey towards empowerment and equality. We recognise the vital roles played by the Karen Women's Organization, the Karenni National Women's Organization, the Muslim Women's Organization and Association, the Shan Women's Action Network and the Mon Women's Organization in serving their communities and contributing to building peaceful solutions. We pledge to amplify their voices and honour their contributions. In unity, we affirm our dedication to forging a future where dignity, safety, and equality are rights afforded to every woman, echoing our collective resolve for change and progress.

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