

The Elders welcome Myanmar's new civilian government

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The Elders warmly welcome the assumption of office by [Myanmar](#)'s new civilian government led by the National League for Democracy (NLD), following its electoral success last year.

The Chair of The Elders, [Kofi Annan](#) said:

"This is a landmark moment for the country.

We are heartened by the commitment of President U Htin Kyaw and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the NLD leader and new Foreign Minister, to peace and reconciliation; we encourage the NLD to continue working with other national partners to sustain an inclusive political dialogue as the country moves forward."

The Elders also wish to acknowledge the contributions made by the outgoing Thein Sein government and the military authorities to ensuring a smooth transition.

The Elders will continue to support the people of Myanmar; they look forward to engaging with the new government and other national stakeholders as they shape their democratic future.

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[Desmond Tutu](#) is an honorary Elder.

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