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Press Release on the Third Congress 11th December 2004

The 3rd Congress of the Women's League of Burma was held in a liberated area near the Thai-Burma border from 7-10 December 2004.

Twenty representatives from member organizations and the Secretariat and working teams of the Second Congress Term (2002-2004), altogether 34 women, attended the 3rd Congress. Representatives to the Congress reviewed the programs, agreed upon WLB's policies and future work plans, amended the constitution, and shared ideas and suggestions on how to improve the implementation of the programs.

The Congress unanimously adopted the principle of establishing a democratic federal system in future Burma, which guarantees the protection of women's human rights and gender equality. The WLB's Constitution Study Team was established to ensure the integration of gender perspectives in the drafting of a federal constitution. Moreover, the Congress decided to prioritize Advocacy Program, Peace Building Program, Capacity Building Program, and Women Against Violence Program for 2004-2006.

The WLB member organizations named their Presidium Board members who will make policies and decisions, and elected three secretariat members to oversee the programs for the 2005-2006 term.

The newly elected Secretariat Members are:

Nang Yain	General Secretary
Lway Aye Nang	Joint- General Secretary (1)
Naw Sandar Wai	Joint- General Secretary (2)

The Congress welcomes the Karenni National Women's Organization as a new member. Today's membership comprises twelve women's organizations based along Burma's borders with Bangladesh, China, India, and Thailand. The WLB was established on 9 December 1999.

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