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Shri Amit Shah

Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation
Government of India

Respected Shri Amit Shah Ji,

We, the undersigned Members of Parliament representing various political parties across the political spectrum, are writing this joint letter to bring to your kind attention a matter of significance concerning the Naga Peace Process, a subject that has garnered broad bipartisan support and has been a focal point of strategic significance for our nation.

The Naga Peace Process, which saw a notable milestone with the signing of the "Framework Agreement" in August 2015, was heralded as a historic step towards resolving a long-standing conflict. This agreement, envisaged to embody mutual equality and respect, trust and confidence, was the culmination of efforts initiated by past leaders, including Late Shri P. V Narasimha Rao, and furthered by successive Prime Ministers. The progress achieved up to this framework has been commendable, including the ceasefire initiated in 1997 and the joint Amsterdam Communiqué of 2002.

Despite this progress, the apparent current stasis in the peace process is a matter of grave concern. It appears that the goodwill generated by the Framework Agreement has yet to be fully capitalized upon. Given the geo-strategic sensitivity of the North-Eastern region—bordering five countries and playing a crucial role in our national security—the urgency of fostering peace, progress, and democratic stability in this region cannot be overstated. The delay in advancing the peace process is troubling and raises apprehensions about the efficacy of the current negotiations. Such stagnation may risk undermining the hard-earned trust and support built over decades.

The Naga peace process has historically enjoyed bipartisan support, transcending various governments and political spectrums, a reflection of its national importance. The achievements, including the ceasefire agreement, the Amsterdam Communiqué, and the Framework Agreement, underscore a collective commitment to establishing a durable peace in the region, pivotal for addressing broader insurgency issues in the North-East. The reduction in armed movement post-ceasefire attests to the progress made thus far. But the peace process has since regrettably suffered a pronounced slowdown. Since the resignation of the last interlocutor in September 2021, it is understood that the Government hasn't so far appointed a full-time negotiator, relying instead on an official in an ad-hoc capacity. This absence of a dedicated full-time interlocutor leads to an unsettling inconsistency, with channels of communication reportedly disrupted and meetings between the negotiating parties occurring sporadically. Such a fragmented approach threatens to erode nearly three decades of painstaking progress, jeopardizing the trust and goodwill carefully nurtured over the years.

Further exacerbating this crisis is the growing discontent among stakeholders regarding the systematic exclusion of elected representatives from meaningful engagement in the negotiations. The opacity surrounding a matter of such profound significance has rendered the process vulnerable to the whims of a select few within the political and

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bureaucratic establishment. Peace negotiations are essential for achieving lasting stability and shouldn't be relegated to bureaucratic manoeuvring devoid of democratic oversight.

It is deeply perplexing that, despite the widespread recognition of the Naga Peace Process as a crucial pillar of national security and stability, Parliament remains uninformed about the status of negotiations since the signing of the Framework Agreement. The persistent secrecy surrounding the agreement and the perceived impasse in subsequent negotiations raise serious concerns.

Given the profound significance of this matter for both the North-Eastern region and the nation as a whole, it is imperative that the Government provides clarity and updates Parliament on the current status of the Naga peace process, including the details of the negotiations and developments since the signing of the Framework Agreement and the reasons for the perceived stagnation of the process.






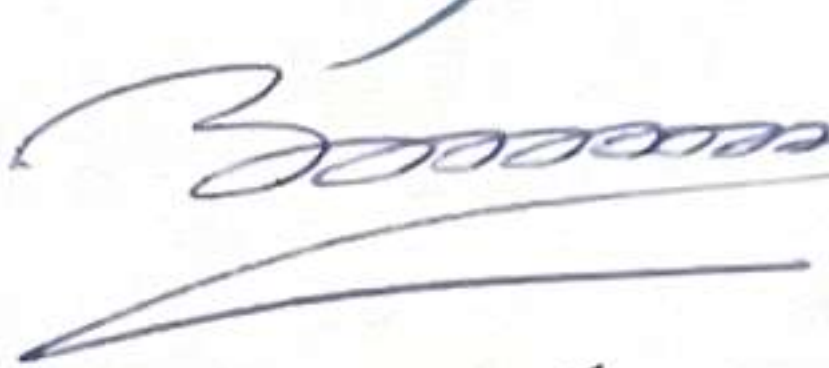
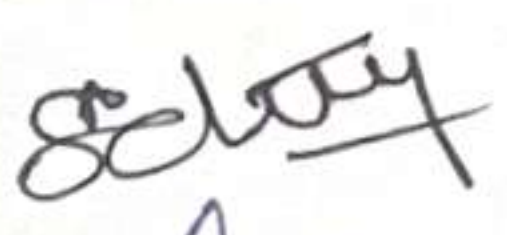
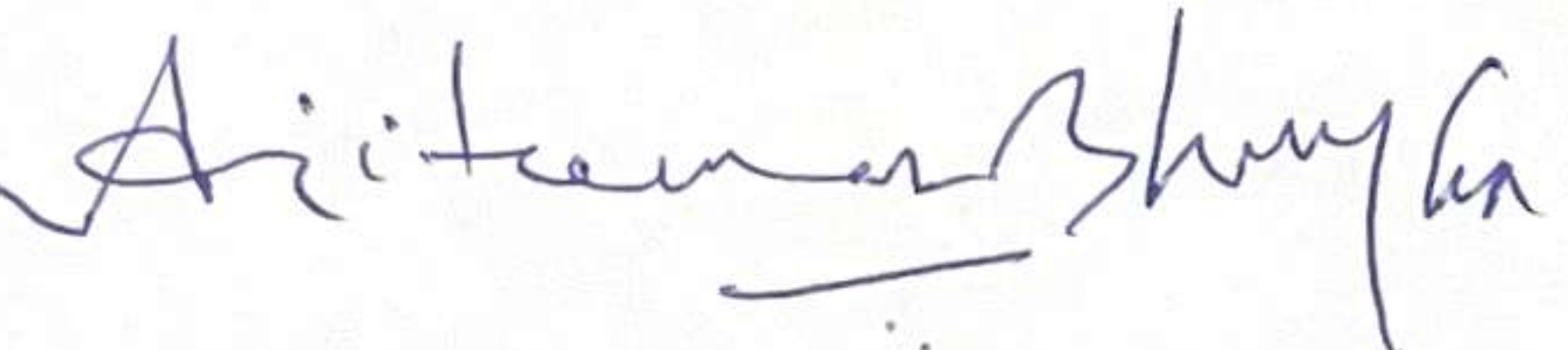
In light of these pressing concerns, we earnestly urge your good self to ensure that a detailed update on the Framework Agreement and its progress is presented before Parliament in the forthcoming session. Furthermore, we request that immediate steps be taken to appoint a full-time interlocutor for the peace talks to restore trust and momentum in the process, thereby ensuring that the hard-earned progress of the past three decades is not undone and that lasting peace is achieved at the earliest possible.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.

Yours faithfully,

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