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### **CAM Welcomes the Joint Statement from the United States and India**

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**Washington, DC** — On June 22, 2023, the United States and India released a joint statement as part of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s state visit to the White House. As Point 30 of this joint statement, the two countries stated the following on Burma:

“The leaders expressed deep concern about the deteriorating situation in Myanmar, and called for the release of all those arbitrarily detained, the establishment of constructive dialogue, and the transition of Myanmar toward an inclusive federal democratic system.”

CAM welcomes the joint statement as a positive step towards a greater Indian role in resolving Burma’s political and humanitarian crisis. CAM further relays recommendations from its recent report on the refugee situation in India, *Chin Refugees in India’s Mizoram State*:

1. To provide funds for the humanitarian crisis in Mizoram and northeast India.
2. To strengthen protection space for Chin and other refugees from Burma in Mizoram State, India, by allowing the presence in Mizoram of UNHCR, other relevant UN agencies and humanitarian agencies.
3. To allow unhindered access to cross-border humanitarian aid across the India-Burma borders to provide protection and humanitarian assistance to the one million IDPs and others in need in Chin State, and neighboring Sagaing and Magway Regions.

CAM’s full report can be found on the CAM website here. For further commentary from CAM on India’s policy towards Burma, read our article at the U.S. Institute of Peace: “Time is Running Out for India’s Balancing Act on the Myanmar Border.”