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ASEAN KEEPS MYANMAR RESTRICTIONS BUT OPENS PATH TO POLITICAL RETURN

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Southeast Asian leaders said on Sunday they may consider gradually restoring Myanmar's full political representation in the regional bloc, if the country makes progress on their longstanding plan to resolve its five-year-old crisis.

Leaders of □□□□ 11-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations agreed at a summit in Manila to □□□□□□□□ their policy of excluding Myanmar from full political representation at ASEAN summits and foreign ministers' meetings for now.

But they said they had agreed to pursue a "calibrated engagement" □□□□□□□□ a "phased and progress-based" approach, if Myanmar makes "sustained and concrete" progress on the bloc's proposed plan, known as the five-point consensus, or 5PC.

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