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Press Note

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Human Rights Defenders' II National Conference Completed Proclaiming the 21 Points Declaration

The II National Conference of Human Rights Defenders' working continuously for the protection, promotion and fulfillment of human rights completed today proclaiming this 21 points declaration. During two day conference organized by National Human Rights Commission on 12th to 13th November, 2017 at Jawalakhel, Lalitpur, 217 Human Rights Defenders from 7 different provinces participated. The declaration proclaimed from the conference is included in this press note.

Human Rights Defenders' workings continuously for the protection, promotion and fulfillment of human rights have concluded the II National Conference on 12th to 13th November, 2017 in Lalitpur. In this scenario, National Human Rights Commission has been involved continuously in training and coordination programs for the enhancement of human rights defenders' capacity. The NHRC has organized this II National Conference on the request of the human rights defenders' working in the different parts of the nation. In the conference, the papers from the experts were presented on "**The Situation of Human Rights and Challenges**", "**The Present Condition of the Human Rights Defenders and Challenges**", "**The Effectiveness of the Transitional Justice Mechanism and Way Forward**", "**The Present situation of the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Challenges**", "**The Condition of Collective Rights in Nepal**", and the present scenario of the human rights in the seven different provinces. The conference proclaimed the following resolutions on the basis of the remarks on the working papers, suggestions and discussion by the participants:-

This Conference-

1. Draws attention for the effective implementation of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders 1998, the Guidelines for Human Rights Defenders 2069 adopted by the National Human Rights Commission and the Guidelines of the cooperation and coordination for Human Rights 2069.
2. Requests for making laws, developing effective and suitable mechanisms and implementing the international agreements and treaties by acknowledging the commitments made by the Government of Nepal on human rights in front of the international arena.
3. Requests for the effective monitoring of the National Human Rights Action Plan to NHRC, appealing for its effective implementation as well as development of mechanism down to the Local Level to the Government of Nepal as it does not seem to be implemented effectively in the present context.
4. Requests for the effective functioning of the transitional justice mechanisms: Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Commission of Investigation on Enforced Disappeared Persons by managing the necessary laws intended for the investigation of the incidents during the ten years long armed conflict, as doubts are hovering about their effectiveness to

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deliver justice to the conflict victims and right to reparation guaranteed by the international standards, supreme court's decisions and the suggestions as well as the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission.

5. Draws due attention of the concerning parties to take legal action against the perpetrators and offenders recommended by NHRC, for the publication of the list of human rights violators by the Commission in accordance with the constitution and laws, for the ratification of the Rome Statute of International Criminal Court by promulgating necessary laws as the Government of Nepal is not effectively implementing the recommendations of the NHRC.
6. Requests for drafting domestic law accordingly as Nepal is a party to the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 1966. Similarly, calls to the concerning authorities for guaranteeing the collective rights of the marginalized people from the remote past like Dalits, Indigenous people, Madhesi, Muslim, Kamiya (bonded labour), Haliya (agricultural labor), rights of Kamlari (indentured servitude), remote areas people, minority people, Women, Children, Senior Citizens, right to employment for youth people, and the right to protection and participation of persons with disabilities. Strongly demands for making effective to the reconstruction process by addressing the grievances and problems of the victims of the catastrophic earthquake and floods affected people.
7. Requests for the effort to implement practically by making the National Mechanism for the rights relating to Women, Children, people living with disabilities, Indigenous people, mentioned and guaranteed by the international human rights related documents in which Nepal is a party.
8. Requests to the Government of Nepal to ensure the implementation of the fundamental rights giving priority to making those laws which according to the constitution have to be made within the 3 years from the promulgation for the implementation of the constitution.
9. Requests strongly to NHRC to organize the Human Rights Defenders' National and Provincial conference minimum every 3 years by acknowledging for the organization of the II National conference making participation of Human Rights Defenders nationwide.
10. Demands strongly to the Government of Nepal for the promulgation of the Human Rights Defenders' Act and to develop the implementing mechanism.
11. Requests to the concerned agencies to make human rights friendly local level concerning the need based approach to planning and development drawing attention to women, children, senior citizens, dalits, marginalized classes and communities pursuing the Human Rights based Approach to Development.
12. Requests to the National Human Rights Commission for the safety/security of the HR Defenders, for the enhancement of individual capacity, providing training for the production of capable HR Defenders, for the respect and awarding qualification to the talented and capable HR Defenders.



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13. Requests to National Human Rights Commission for the expansion of offices and representatives of Commission in the provincial and district level in the present scenario of restructuring the state without centralization of NHRC.
14. Requests all the voters for the participation in the pooling process and for the completion of election in peaceful manner to the political parties and the candidates in the forthcoming Provincial Assembly and House of Representatives' election.
15. Requests to the Government of Nepal for handling the effective mechanism for the professional and occupational security of the HR Defenders.
16. Requests to the Government of Nepal to initiate ratification of the treaties International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families 1990 and International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance 2007 as NHRC has already recommended.
17. Requests for the promulgation and development of human rights friendly laws compulsorily in the Federal, Provincial and Local level as per the implementation of the constitution.
18. Requests to the Government of Nepal for submitting the periodic reports on time to the UN Human Rights Committees and the implementation of suggestions and recommendations by the Committees.
19. Requests to the Government of Nepal to stop the hindrances and intervention to the use of functional and financial autonomy of NHRC that existed in the past time and again.
20. Requests to the concerning political parties for the genuine commitment of ending impunity as the situation of impunity is seen very perilous due to politicization of crimes and criminalization of politics.
21. Requests to all the concerning parties for the immediate implementation of the declaration made by the II National Conference of HR Defenders showing appreciation to all the guests, cooperating persons and all the participants.

13th November, 2017

Jawalkhel, Lalitpur

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