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NHRC urges the immediate implementation of the ILO Convention - 169

The National Human Rights Commission would like to draw the attention of Nepal Government to approve the draft on the International Labor Organization (ILO) Conventions- 169 and immediately implement it. Nepal had ratified the ILO Conventions - 169 on 14 September, 2007. At a time when the government has failed to approve the action plan even after a decade has passed after the endorsement of the Convention, the Commission urges the government to be serious for the protection of indigenous people's rights in effective manner. Similarly, the Commission also draws the attention of the Government to amend domestic laws in accordance with ILO-169 and ensure the rights of indigenous people.

The Commission organized a discussion amid a program held on 'Draft of ILO Convention-169 Implementation National Action Plan' on the occasion of 22nd International Day of Indigenous People. Held at the central office of the Commission, the program saw a number of stakeholder representatives including various government authorities, indigenous people rights defenders and parliamentarians.

Shedding light on the program, Hon. Commissioner Mohna Ansari said that the Commission has been holding a debate on the issues of indigenous people for a long time and the program was organized with the objective to evaluate how the domestic laws reflect the government's commitments on human rights issues.

On the occasion, NHRC Chairperson Justice Anup Raj Sharma said it is unfortunate that the draft action plan has been shelved after it reached the Cabinet though some aspects of it have been implemented. Urging the provision of right to receive education in mother tongue, he argued that the implementation of the constitution and laws need to be embedded in mentality. He further added that the Commission is clear about the rights of people from all castes, languages, religions and cultures and all concerned stakeholders should extend support towards this concern.

Mohna Ansari
Commissioner/ Spokesperson