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Government urged to implement the Commitments expressed in UPR Session on Human Rights Situation

The National Human Rights Commission has positively taken the commitments expressed by the government about human rights situation in Nepal during the 23rd Universal Periodic Review (UPR) session of the working Committee of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) held on 4-6 November, 2015. The representatives of 81 member states were present in the meeting.

Out of 196 recommendations made by the UN member states during the UPR session, Nepal government has accepted 148 for immediate implementation, put 30 recommendations under consideration and rejected 18 recommendations. Government would review the recommendations under consideration prior to the 31st session of UN Human Rights Council. The commission has welcomed the commitment of the government's pledge provide financial autonomy to the commission as per the Paris Principles.

Nepal government has made commitments to timely present the periodic reports on human rights conventions of which Nepal is a party, eradicate child marriage, criminalize socio-cultural injustices and assured to make necessary amendment to the acts related to child labor in accordance with human rights principles. On the occasion, Nepal government has also vowed to fulfill the commitments to ensure the rights of indigenous peoples including minority and marginalized communities, end all forms of discrimination, ensure special rights to victims of natural disaster including earthquake, bring improvement in prison management, prevent and control human trafficking, redefine domestic violence, review the limitation delineated for complaint registration on the cases of rape, immediately investigate the incidents of extra-judicial detention and killing, comply with the UN Principles with regard to the use of force, put an end to impunity and investigate the cases of caste based discrimination perpetuated on Dalits among others.

Similarly, the commission is confident that the government would review the recommendations put under consideration and implement them prior to the report submission in the forthcoming 31st session of the HRC. The commission has urged the government address serious cases of human rights violations through transitional justice mechanisms, implement supreme court verdicts, effectively implement the national human rights action plan, hold dialogue with all marginalized communities, investigate into the complaints on the incidents of highhandedness against media and human rights defenders, ensure the freedom of expression and impede discriminatory process between male and female with regard to the issuance of citizenship, make free and qualitative education available to all, maintain classified data on the persons with disabilities and collaborate for the protection of human rights of migrant workers among others.

The commission has urged the government to seriously review the recommendations said to have been rejected. The Commission has once again urged the Nepal government to effectively implement the commitment expressed in the 23rd session of the working group of HRC. The Commission has also drawn the attention of the government toward advancing the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations provided during the last UPR session on priority basis.

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