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## **Serious Concern of National Human Rights Commission on the Amendment Bill of its 2012 Act**

National Human Rights Commission, Nepal today held emergency meeting drawing its attention seriously towards the proposed amendment bill of NHRC Act 2012 decided by the Nepal government on April 15, 2019. The Commission also expressed objection towards proposed preamble of the received drafted bill which offers to amend preventing the Commission's autonomy and independency.

The Commission meeting concludes that the NHRC proposed bill's three column provisions have been totally ignored by the bill that has been passed by the Council of Ministers of Nepal government and sent it to the Secretariat of the Federal Parliament which was also sent by the NHRC to the government basing on the decision in the Commission dated January 4, 2016 conducting the comprehensive discussion and consultation. Similarly, in the proposed bill's preamble the words autonomy and independency should be inserted. The Commission expresses objections towards the obliviousness of the spirit of the Supreme Court's decision of March 6, 2013 on writ no. 68/WS/006, and is also adverse to the Paris Principle regarding the Human Rights, the spirit and provision of the article 293 of the Constitution of Nepal. The Commission expresses its concerns towards the inserted sections intending the recommendations and order of the Commission under the instruction of the Attorney General, and the adverse impact upon the existing provincial and contact offices of the NHRC, and additionally, the curtailment of the financial autonomy of the Commission.

The Commission has also corresponded to the Nepal Government today urging to reconsider this issue.

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Secretary