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Press Release

**Day 1: The President of Nepal and the President of the Swiss Confederation
Meet in Bern**

Rt. Hon'ble President Mr. Ramchandra Paudel held a bilateral meeting with Her Excellency Ms. Viola Amherd, President of the Swiss Confederation at the Federal Palace in Bern today.

The two Presidents reviewed the entire spectrum of Nepal-Switzerland relations covering areas such as development cooperation, exchanges of high-level visits, cultural and people-to-people exchanges. The two Presidents also discussed about the investment opportunities in agriculture, energy, and sustainable tourism. Likewise, discussion was also focused on combating climate change and saving mountain ecosystem. The President appreciated the Swiss Government's continuous support for the development of Nepal, implementation of federalism and support for the peace process. The Swiss President expressed satisfaction over Nepal's moving ahead towards prosperity. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere.

The Rt. Hon'ble President extended an invitation to the Swiss President to visit Nepal at early convenience.

Preceding the bilateral meeting, the President was warmly received by the Swiss President upon arrival at the Federal Palace in Bern. Members of Nepali delegation comprised Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security, Hon. Mr. Dol Prasad Aryal, Foreign Affairs Advisor to the President Dr. Suresh Chandra Chalise, Foreign Secretary Ms. Sewa Lamsal, Secretary of the Office of President Mr. Dilli Ram Sharma, Ambassador of Nepal to Switzerland His Excellency Mr. Ram Prasad Subedi, and senior officials of the Government of Nepal and the Embassy of Nepal in Geneva.

The Swiss delegation included Ambassador Heinrich Schellenberg, Head of Asia and Pacific Division, Ambassador Simon Pidoux, Head of Presidential Service, Renato Kalbermatten, Head of Communication, among others.

This is the first bilateral meeting between Nepal and Switzerland at the level of the Heads of State since 1997.

Earlier today, upon arrival at the Geneva International Airport, the Rt. Hon'ble President was warmly welcomed by His Excellency Mr. Ram Prasad Subedi, Ambassador of Nepal to Switzerland and Mr. Samy Bensalem, Head of Protocol from the State Chancery of Geneva Canton.

Rt. Hon'ble President is scheduled to address the Inaugural Forum of the Global Coalition for Social Justice, high-level event of the 112th International Labour Conference in Geneva tomorrow.

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