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Press Release
on Meeting with Canada-Nepal Parliamentary Friendship Group

Honourable Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba held a meeting with the Honourable Chair and Members of Canada-Nepal Parliamentary Friendship Group (CNPFG) in Ottawa today.

The Chair of Canada-Nepal Parliamentary Friendship Group and Member of Parliament Hon. Sonia Sidhu warmly welcomed the Honourable Foreign Minister Deuba at the Parliament Hill and expressed happiness over the first visit of a Nepali Foreign Minister to Canada. The two sides reviewed the friendly relations between the parliaments of Nepal and Canada and stressed on the need to promote regular exchanges, experience sharing between the Members of Parliament of the two countries.

Stating that Canada-Nepal Parliamentary Friendship Group stands as an important platform for sharing of experiences and learning from each other's democratic processes, Foreign Minister Honourable Dr. Deuba thanked the Honourable Members of Parliament and Senators for their service to the promotion of bilateral relations between the two countries and the parliaments. She also informed about the formation of a Nepal-Canada Parliamentary Friendship Group in the Federal Parliament of Nepal. Honourable Foreign Minister expressed the confidence that the two parliaments will be able to promote greater exchanges and collaborations through these important mechanisms.

Chair of Canada-Nepal Parliamentary Friendship Group, Honourable Sonia Sidhu highlighted the potential areas of cooperation between the two parliamentarians and enrich the friendly relations. She also appreciated the progress Nepal has made in gender equality and empowerment of women and girls with greater representation of Nepali women in the parliament and local government as well as enhanced contribution of them in public life.

The Honourable Members of Parliament expressed happiness to welcome Nepal's Foreign Minister in Ottawa for the first time and expressed confidence that the visit will inject new dynamism in the bilateral relations between the two countries and the parliaments and open further areas of collaboration in the future.

The two sides expressed satisfaction over the increasing people to people relations and contribution of Nepali diasporas in this process.



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During the meeting, the Hon. Foreign Minister Dr. Deuba was accompanied by Ambassador of Nepal to Canada, H.E. Mr. Bharat Raj Paudyal and other officials from the Embassy.

Later, Honourable Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Deuba visited the Embassy of Nepal in Ottawa. Ambassador Paudyal briefed the Honourable Foreign Minister about the activities of the Embassy and its priorities for the coming months and years. Honourable Foreign Minister also keenly observed the works done by the Embassy and instructed to strive for exploring and promoting opportunities for economic partnership in priority areas.

Honourable Foreign Minister Dr. Deuba is scheduled to hold official bilateral meeting with her counterpart the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Foreign Minister of Canada later today.

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