## **Press Release**

The Government of Nepal is deeply concerned about the unfolding situation in the Middle East. It strongly condemns recent attacks against the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) peacekeepers which left several personnel wounded.

Such attacks must stop immediately, and the incidents should be investigated properly. Any attack on UN Peacekeepers constitutes the violation of International Law and the United Nations Charter.

The Government of Nepal urges the parties of the conflict to fully guarantee the safety and security of the UN personnel and property.

As one of the major contributors, Nepal expresses full support to the UNIFIL's activities and considers that it has a crucial role to maintain peace and stability in Lebanon and in the entire region, particularly in light of the escalating situation.

The Government of Nepal firmly believes in peaceful resolution of disputes and deplores the use of force. We call on all the parties concerned to exercise maximum restraint and use dialogue and diplomacy to restore peace in the Middle East.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Singha Durbar, Kathmandu
16 October 2024