## **Press Release**

Right Honourable President Mr. Ramchandra Paudel addressed 'High Level Dialogue: Advancing the Mountain Agenda and Mainstreaming Mountains and Climate Change within the UNFCCC' organized by the Kyrgyz Republic at the sidelines of COP29.

In his address, he appreciated the Kyrgyz Republic for prioritizing the mountain agenda and stressed that integrated programs on poverty reduction and climate action should be implemented in the mountain regions. He underscored the importance of the Himalaya in ecological and environmental balance and urged for mainstreaming mountain issues in global climate agenda.

In the afternoon, the Rt. Honorable President chaired a high-level event titled 'Mountains in Peril: Loss and Damage in the Himalaya' organized by the Government of Nepal. Delivering his concluding remarks in the event, he stressed on the fact that mountains, particularly the Himalaya, are facing higher loss and damage due to their fragility. He also emphasized the need to build unity among mountainous nations and to raise unified voice in global forums for addressing the problem.

The Rt. Hon. President also participated in a meeting of Heads of Delegation of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) with the United Nations Secretary-General His Excellency Antonio Guterres at the sidelines of COP29. In the meeting, he urged the United Nations to intensify efforts for availing financial, technological and other forms of support to the LDCs and other developing countries to fight the impacts of global warming and climate change.

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