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Press Release

The Embassy organized a special programme and National Day Reception in Brussels yesterday evening to observe the first anniversary of promulgation of the constitution of Nepal, 2015 as well as Nepal's National Day.

Speaking on the occasion, Charge d'Affaires a.i. Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari, said that the constitution was a landmark achievement which fundamentally marked the conclusion of eight-year long peace process and materialized Nepali people's long cherished aspirations to have a constitution written by their own elected representatives. 'The constitution, as an epitome of people's sacrifice, dreams and aspirations, guarantees equal rights, opportunity and dignity to all Nepali people on the basis of equity, social inclusion, proportional representation, and positive discrimination,' he said.

He underscored the need of effective implementation of the constitution in order to achieve its goals and objectives. He also stated that the Government of Nepal was committed towards this end as well as towards holding of elections as stipulated in the constitution, post-earthquake reconstruction and more importantly on socio- economic development of the country. Stating that the goals of long-term development and prosperity could not be pursued in isolation in today's interconnected world, he called for an enhanced support and cooperation from the international community in the days to come.

Special Guest Ambassador Mr. Peter Claes, Head of South Asia Division at the Ministry of Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Kingdom of Belgium, also spoke during the programme. He observed that the recent political progress made by Nepal was remarkable and expressed hope that the new constitution would lay a foundation for Nepal's political stability and economic development.

Stating that Nepal has been close to the hearts of many Belgians, Ambassador Mr. Claes underlined the importance of close cooperation between Nepal and Belgium in various sectors including tourism and investment. He also said that his government would continue supporting Nepal's development efforts including through multilateral forums.

The programme was attended by a significant number of Belgian government officials, officials of the European Commission, Brussels-based ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps, friends of Nepal in Belgium, media persons, the representatives of Nepali organisations and Nepali diaspora living in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

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