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One Year of Parliamentary Direction Call for Accession to Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

"... Nepali people want the end to all kinds of impunity of the crime. Therefore, resolving that the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court should be acceded by Nepal Government to obtain international access to ensure that no criminals and offenders get impunity anywhere, this meeting directs Nepal Government to accede to the Rome Statute."

-Unanimous Resolution endorsed by the House of Representatives, 25 July 2006

Today is the completion of one year of unanimous direction adopted by the then House of Representatives (HoR) to the Government of Nepal to accede to Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC). On this occasion, we recall the eagerness and positive commitments demonstrated by the government, political parties and the then HoR and present Interim Legislature-Parliament towards the ICC.

Prime Minister, senior ministers and top leaders of political parties have been reiterating their commitments towards forwarding process immediately to accede to the Rome Statute. For this, the government formed three Inter-Ministerial Task Forces to study the obligations and impact which Nepal will be subjected to. The Task Forces have already submitted their reports to the Government, including the latest one in December 2006.

We would like to recall commitments by the eight political parties, Interim Legislature-Parliament and the Interim Government for providing guarantee to good governance, ending impunity, establishing democratic norms and values, and governance based on principles of the rule of law expressed through formal documents like the Comprehensive Peace Accord-2006, Interim Constitution-2007 and the Common Minimum Programme of the Interim Government-2007. For effective implementation of such commitments, Nepal's involvement in the ICC is a must and for which the HoR restored with the mandate of Popular Uprising had unanimously endorsed the resolution last year. Immediate implementation of that resolution is the way to establish political stance to those commitments.

Therefore, we urge the Prime Minister and Ministers to coordinate among ministries, to hold discussion in the meeting of the Council of Ministers and to forward the process for accession to the Rome Statute. Along with this, we call on the eight political parties to prioritise the issue at political level to speed up the accession process. Considering that the last year's parliamentary direction still remains unrealised, we request Speaker and Members of the Interim Legislature-Parliament to stir and exert more pressure on the executive to accede to the Rome Statute of the ICC.



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On behalf of the organizations and human rights defenders enlisted

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7. Alliance Nepal
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9. Association for Revolution, Awareness, Motivation, Voice & Action (ARAMVA-Nepal)
10. Blue Diamond Society
11. Centre for Child Workers in Nepal (CWIN)
12. Centre for Victims of Torture (CVICT)
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19. Dalit NGO Federation, Nepal (DNF)
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35. Human Rights Without Frontiers
36. INHURED International
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39. Jagaran Nepal
40. Join Forum for Human Right
41. Prof. Kapil Shrestha, Former Member, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)
42. Kathmandu School of Law (KSL)
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50. Nepal Engineers Association
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52. Nutan Thapaliya, Human Rights Defender
53. Shakti Samuha
54. Shobhakar Budhathoki, Human Rights Defender
55. South Asians for Human Rights
56. Sushil Pyakurel, Former Member, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)
57. The Speed Nepal
58. Thought for Humanitarian, Integrated Nepalese Knowledge (Think-Nepal)
59. Women Awareness Center
60. Women Foundation
61. Women Welfare Society
62. Women's Rehabilitation Centre (WOREC) Nepal
63. Youth Action Nepal
64. Youth Campaign for Progresss (YOCAP-Nepal)
65. Human Rights Forum (HURF), Ilam
66. Human Rights Social Awareness and Development Centre (HUSADEC), Dhankuta
67. Centre for Social Information Concerning Awareness (CICSA), Sunsari
68. Human Rights Environment and Social Development Centre (HURECD), Jhapa
69. Forum for Human Rights and Environment (FOHREN), Morang
70. Human Rights and Social Service Centre (HUSEC), Saptari
71. Human Rights, Environment and Development Centre (HURENDEC), Udaypur
72. People Awareness Campaign (PAC), Terhathum
73. Human Rights Awareness and Development Centre (HURADEC), Dolakha
74. Human Rights Enlightenment Centre (HUREC), Bara
75. Centre for Human Rights and Social Awareness (CENTHUR), Nuwakot
76. The Dynamic Rural Rising Group (DIRING), Sindhupalchok
77. Society Upliftment Centre (SUC), Dhanusa
78. Rural development Centre (RDO), Sarlahi
79. Human Rights Education and Awareness Centre (HURENCE), Sindhuli
80. Women Development Centre, Chitwan
81. Human Rights Udhan, Kathmandu
82. Resunga Human Rights Awareness Organization (RERE), Gulmi
83. Forum for Social Awareness and Development (FOSAD), Rupandehi
84. Women Service Centre, Kaski
85. Rural Strengthening Centre, Gorakha
86. Human Rights and Legal Education Service Centre (HURLESC), Kapilvastu
87. Society for Protection of Human Rights and Rural Environment (SOPHRE), Lamjung
88. People's Rights and Environment Society, Parbat
89. Human Rights Education and Development Centre (HURED), Syangja
90. Nepal United Village Development Centre, Tanahun
91. Prakash Awareness Group (PRAG), Arghakhanchi

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92. Human Rights Awareness Centre (HURAC), Rolpa
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94. Human Rights Consciousness Forum (HRCF), Dang
95. Human Rights Green Peace Movement (GPM), Banke
96. Human Rights and Environment Concern Centre (HURECC), Bardiya
97. Human Rights and Social Promotion Centre (SDPC), Surkhet
98. Human Rights Awareness Movement Centre (HUARMOC), Dadeldhura
99. Human Rights and People Service Centre (HURPEC), Doti
100. Human Rights and Environmental Preservation Centre (HUPEC), Kanchanpur
101. Human Rights Awareness and Social Development Centre (HURASDEC), Kailali
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