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### Press Release

Hon. Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat, Minister for Foreign Affairs, had a meeting with H.E. Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission at the latter's office in Brussels this afternoon.

While acknowledging the European Union's support to Nepal's development efforts in areas such as human and social development, agriculture and trade, Hon. Dr. Mahat requested for an enhanced level of support in infrastructure building and skills development. He also called for an increased support for post-earthquake reconstruction to help meet resources gap particularly in housing grant, education and health.

Reiterating the EU's continued support to Nepal, President Juncker stated that the EU would consider the possibility of enhancing support and cooperation in the areas as requested.

Given the progress Nepal has made in aviation safety, Hon. Foreign Minister requested the President to lift the ban imposed by the EU on Nepali airlines. The President assured the Foreign Minister of looking into the matter positively based upon the facts to be provided by the Government of Nepal.

Hon. Foreign Minister also appraised the EU President of the recent political developments in Nepal, including the amendment of the constitution and preparations for holding of elections in the stipulated time frame.

Earlier on the day, Hon. Foreign Minister had a meeting with H.E. Ms. Federica Mogherini, Vice-President of the EU Commission/High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. Diverse issues pertaining to Nepal-EU relations were reviewed in the meeting.

Hon. Dr. Mahat recalled Nepal's progress made in different areas of human and social development and stated that the EU's support was instrumental in this regard.

Ms. Mogherini expressed the EU's commitment to extend support in Nepal's development efforts including in the reconstruction process as well as the implementation of the new constitution and electoral support as per Nepal's needs.

Hon. Foreign Minister will have separate meetings with Luxembourgish Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Development Cooperation in Luxembourg tomorrow.

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