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## **Press Release**

His Excellency Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Nepal to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), presented his Letters of Credence to H.E. Mr. Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General of the OPCW amidst a special ceremony held at the OPCW Headquarters in The Hague today.

Following the ceremony, Ambassador Thapa had a brief meeting with the Director-General. During the meeting, Director General congratulated Ambassador Thapa on his appointment and expressed his desire to work together with Nepal's Permanent Representation to the OPCW for the effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

On the occasion, Ambassador Thapa said that Nepal continued to maintain its long-held position of working towards complete and general disarmament of all kinds of weapons of mass destruction. Reiterating the commitment towards the ideals and goals of the Convention, he underscored Nepal's strong support for the OPCW's work in implementing the Convention.

The Director General shared with Ambassador Thapa the updates on recent achievements and activities of the OPCW. He also stated that the OPCW was ready to extend possible support to Nepal including for drafting the national legislation to implement the Convention.

Ambassador Thapa thanked the OPCW for regional and global capacity building programmes through which Nepal has been benefitting, and expressed his willingness to work closely with the Director General and the OPCW in the days to come.

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