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**Press Release**

The Hon. Krishna Bahadur Mahara, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs (DPMFM) attended the High-level meeting on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse hosted by the UN Secretary-General this afternoon in New York today on the margins of the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). As one of the top troops and police contributing countries to UN peacekeeping operations, Nepal has expressed commitments to the Voluntary Compact against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse proposed by the Secretary-General. The Compact emphasizes the shared principles on which the United Nations and Member States support peace operations on the ground and the overall functioning of the UN system, and includes specific commitments for prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.

Also today, Nepal participated in the High-Level Event on United Nations Reform co-hosted by United States, Canada, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Slovakia, Thailand, United Kingdom, and Uruguay. The Event was attended by the countries, including Nepal, that have signed the Declaration of Support for United Nations Reform. Addressing the event on behalf of the co-hosts, H.E. Donald J. Trump, the US President, reaffirmed commitment to UN reform and applauded the UN Secretary General for laying out a vision to reform the United Nations. The Secretary-General António Guterres appreciated the support extended to him on the much needed reform at the UN.

While in New York, the DPMFM Mahara will chair the Informal Session of the SAARC Council of Ministers; participate in the ministerial meetings of the Non-Alignment Movement, G77 and China, Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Land-locked Developing Countries (LLDCs). He will also represent Nepal at the Ministerial Meeting of the Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD). In addition, he will hold separate bilateral meetings with his counterparts and senior level officials of the United Nations system.

The DPMFM is also scheduled to participate in the High-Level Open Debate on Reform of UN Peacekeeping Operations organized by the UN Security Council; high-level event on Water for Sustainable Development; High-Level Event to End Forced Labor, Slavery, Child Labor and Trafficking; and High-Level Event on South-South and Triangular Cooperation. Similarly, he is scheduled to sign the Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty adopted at the United Nations Conference in July this year.

Honourable DPMFM arrived in New York today morning, to participate in the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of the UNGA. The DPMFM visited the Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations and the Consulate General of Nepal in New York.

The Right Honourable Sher Bahadur Deuba, Prime Minister of Nepal, will arrive in New York on 20 September 2017 to lead the Nepali Delegation to the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of the UNGA. The Prime Minister is scheduled to address the General Debate of the General Assembly on 23 September 2017.

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