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Press Release

Meeting between Foreign Minister and US Secretary of State

The Minister for Foreign Affairs Honorable Mr. N. P. Saud held a bilateral meeting with the US Secretary of State His Excellency Mr. Antony J. Blinken at the Department of State in Washington, D.C. today and exchanged views on matters of common interest in bilateral relations as well as regional and international issues of common concern.

During the meeting, both sides expressed satisfaction over the current state of bilateral relations between Nepal and the USA while renewing their commitment to expand and deepen engagements across the areas of mutual interests.

The Foreign Minister highlighted development priorities of Nepal in the context of the country's graduation from the least developed country and called for enhanced level of support from the United States in the areas of trade and investment, market access, development of agriculture, food security, development of IT sector and new technology, among others. He requested the United States for reauthorization and expansion of Nepal Trade Preference Program (NTPP) and GSP facilities by adding new exportable items of interest for Nepal

Minister Saud thanked the US government for its continued cooperation for socio-economic development of Nepal, including the recent US assistance through USAID and Millennium Challenge Compact. Both sides stressed the importance of timely implementation of the projects under the MCC.

Appreciating Nepal's progress in consolidating democratic governance, Secretary Blinken expressed that the US Government wishes to see Nepal as a strong and prosperous democracy. Secretary Blinken assured the Foreign Minister that the US would continue its support to Nepal's development endeavours.

The two sides also exchanged views on Nepal-US cooperation in multilateral forums, and other matters of common concern in regional and global affairs, including the ongoing situation in the Middle-East.

Minister Saud extended an invitation to Secretary Blinken to pay an official visit to Nepal at an opportune time in the near future.

The Foreign Minister signed the guest book at the State Department prior to the meeting.

During the bilateral meeting, Minister Saud was accompanied by Ambassador Sridhar Khatri and other senior officials from the Ministry and the Embassy. Secretary Blinken was accompanied by Assistant Secretary Donald Lu, Ambassador Dean Thompson and senior officials from the Department of State.

Later in the evening, Ambassador Sridhar Khatri will host a reception at his residence in honor of the Foreign Minister in presence of senior officials from various US agencies including the White House, Department of State, USAID, and MCC, as well as members of diplomatic corps, and representatives of Nepali American community.

Hon Foreign Minister arrived at Washington DC for the bilateral visit today morning.

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