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The European Parliament Delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia encourages the leadership of Nepal to agree on a democratic and inclusive constitution

During their visit to Kathmandu (8 to 11 April), the Members of the European Parliament (EP) Delegation encouraged the political leaders of Nepal to work constructively for the adoption of a democratic and inclusive constitution.

The four-member delegation, composed of Ms. Jean Lambert (UK), Chairperson, Mr. Cristian Dan Preda (Romania), Mr. Afzal Khan (UK) and Mr. Thomas Mann (Germany) held meetings with Nepal's top leadership, including the President, the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister and the Speaker of the House, the Election Commission, the leaders of political parties, as well as members of civil society and the international community.

Following these discussions, Ms. Lambert said, "It is our clear view that it is important for this Constituent Assembly to complete its tasks and adopt a constitution that meets the aspirations of the Nepalese people. This will lead to a successful conclusion of the peace process and pave the way for economic and social development."

The Members of the European Parliament welcomed the resumption of talks and the assurances by the main political actors that they were ready to work actively to put an end to the current stalemate and to further Nepal's national interest, progress and prosperity.

The Members of the European Parliament also stressed the longstanding commitment of the European Union to support Nepal's ongoing efforts towards peace and prosperity. This is reflected not only in the tripling of EU development assistance but also in the close ties maintained by the European Union and the people of Nepal in many different fields.

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