Statement by UN Resident Coordinator

on behalf of the International Community in Nepal

Kathmandu, 21 January 2015: Nepal’s political leaders have successfully achieved many of their peace process commitments since the end of the conflict in 2006. Agreement on a new constitution is a vital remaining task.

The international community is concerned that relations between the parties have been marked by tension in recent days. We call upon them to provide forward-looking leadership in the larger national interest and to continue constitutional negotiations in a spirit of flexibility and urgency.

The constitution is meant to be a foundational document that will guide the country’s course for the foreseeable future. To be implemented peacefully and offer stability it will require the widest support from the Nepali people. The international community calls upon the parties to redouble their efforts to secure an inclusive constitution.

The international community condemns violence or threats of violence and urges all parties to return to the negotiation table.

This is the time for the political parties to demonstrate leadership and fulfill their historic responsibility

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