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Hon'ble Anil Kumar Sinha, Minister for Industry, Commerce, and Supplies, Chairs Ministerial Meeting and Addresses the 16th UN Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva

Hon'ble Anil Kumar Sinha, Minister for Industry, Commerce and Supplies, addressed the Sixteenth Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development being held under the theme of *Shaping the Future: Driving Economic Transformation for Equitable, Inclusive and Sustainable Development* in Geneva today.

Hon'ble Minister recalled the recent Gen Z protest in Nepal in last September as an expression of youths' strong desire for good governance, fighting corruption, creating thriving business environment with vibrant start-ups, MSMEs, youth entrepreneurs, and job opportunities. He stated that the priorities of the interim Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Rt. Hon'ble Mrs. Sushila Karki are delivering good governance, fighting corruption, restoring law and order, and holding elections on 5 March 2026.

Earlier in the morning, Hon'ble Minister Sinha chaired the LDCs Group Ministerial Meeting. The meeting adopted the LDCs Group Ministerial Declaration, reaffirming the Group's collective commitment to sustainable graduation. Later in the afternoon, Hon'ble Minister visited the Mission and took stock of the priorities and engagements of Nepal in Geneva.

Yesterday, Hon'ble Minister attended the opening plenary of the Conference which elected Nepal as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Bureau of the Conference. Later, Hon'ble Minister Sinha participated as a panellist in the Ministerial Roundtable on *Reimagining Trade: A Broader Path to Development* where he highlighted the vital role of international trade as a catalyst for youth employment and sustainable development, stressing instrumental role of trade as an equitable growth, and shared prosperity.

Hon'ble Minister attended the Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 and China, where he delivered statement on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries (LDCs). Likewise, he delivered a statement on behalf of the LDCs Group at the General Debate, where he emphasized the need for a forward-looking and action-oriented approach to sustainable development. He called for establishing a dedicated UNCTAD LDC Graduation Support Programme.

Hon'ble Minister Sinha held bilateral meetings with H.E. Mr. Namgyal Dorji, Minister for Industry, Commerce and Employment of the Kingdom of Bhutan, H.E. Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS), and H.E. Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce of Bangladesh, on the sidelines of UNCTAD16.

Hon'ble Minister arrived in Geneva on 19 October 2025. He was warmly received by His Excellency Mr. Ram Prasad Subedi, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, upon his arrival at Geneva International Airport. He is scheduled to leave from Geneva on 24 October 2025.

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