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Press Release on

Meeting between H.E. Ms. Sewa Lamsal, Ambassador of Nepal to BENELUX Countries and Head of Mission to EU and Ms. Hadja Lahbib, European Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management

H.E. Ms. Sewa Lamsal, Ambassador of Nepal to BENELUX Countries and Head of Mission to the European Union (EU), had a meeting with Ms. Hadja Lahbib, European Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management, at the latter's office on 01 September 2026.

After exchanging courtesies, Ambassador Lamsal briefed Commissioner Lahbib on the catastrophic flash flood that struck the Bhote Koshi River along the Nepal–China border on 26 August 2026. She provided an update on the situation, outlined the Government of Nepal's ongoing search, rescue, and relief operations, and conveyed its urgent need for essential supplies to support these efforts.

She expressed appreciation for the EU's pledged assistance and thanked it for standing with Nepal during this challenging time. She also highlighted the EU's role as a long-standing development partner and trusted friend throughout Nepal's development journey. She added that the Government of Nepal will soon prepare a Post-Disaster Needs Assessment Report and share its reconstruction and recovery requirements with development partners, including the EU.

Commissioner Lahbib conveyed her deepest condolences over the tragic loss of lives and appreciated the remarkable post-disaster response by the Government of Nepal. She mentioned that Directorate General European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) is aware of the requests made by the Government of Nepal in terms of essential items and is actively seeking support from the EU Member States in this regard. She further assured that EU is ready to



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provide the necessary support to the Government of Nepal to the extent possible.

Earlier in the morning, Ambassador Lamsal had a meeting with Mr. Dominic Porter, the Deputy Managing Director, Asia Pacific, European External Action Services (EEAS) at her office. They discussed various issues of mutual interest, including the recent Bhote Koshi Flash Flood and potential cooperation from the EU for the ongoing rescue operations of the Government.

Today, on 02 September 2026, Ambassador Lamsal had a courtesy meeting with Mrs. Nona Deprez, new Head of the Asia-Pacific Division at EEAS. The two sides discussed areas of common interest including EU's assistance in the aftermath of Bhote Koshi flash flood. She also thanked her predecessor, Mr. Charels Whiteley, Ambassador-designate of the EU to Nepal for the excellent cooperation extended to her and looked forward to engaging closely with Mrs. Deprez to further strengthening Nepal-EU partnership.

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