

Statement on the “**Suppression of peaceful protest of Regional minorities by Security forces in Nepal**” at the UN Forum on Minority Issues, Eighth Session, 24-25 November, 2015. Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland

III. 15:00 – 18:00: Minorities and the exercise of police powers

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

I am Navin Shekhar, representing SUPPORT Nepal from Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

Nepal is ongoing through the most difficult times. After failure to complete the chartered in 2008 a second Constituent Assembly was elected in 2013. Four major parties signed a 16-point agreement on June 8 this year to complete the constitution. The current protests in the southern plain of Nepal (Also called as Madhesh) began in early August, and have continued since the promulgation of the new constitution on September 20 due to not covering the genuine and previously agreed commitments. More than 49 people including the 18 months old infant have lost their lives and minimum 729 people have been injured during the unrest in southern Nepal. At one side the government of Nepal formed the high-level negotiation committee and other side using lethal arms against the protestors that caused the lack of trust between the negotiating parties.

We fully agree with draft recommendation 21 and 22 as they will help to ensure the civil and political rights of the Nepalese citizens.

Mr. Chairman

Use of excessive forces by the security forces can be seen through injuries in the chest, head and other parts above the knees in the bodies of the killed and injured through the bullets fired by the security forces and marks of the bullet found on the houses and shutters and the electricity poles lying nearby in the area of firing; there has been breach of Principle of Excessive use of forces by Security forces and Local Administration Act 1971, as well as lack of full implementation of the order of Supreme Court and the attention drawn by the National Human Rights Commission of Nepal itself several times. ^[L]_[SEP]

We there for want to recommendation to government of Nepal as follow:

1. Fair investigation and fair trail as per Criminal Justice system of Nepal
2. Address the solution through peaceful and honest negation
3. Relief and support to Deceased family and injured one

I thank you once again Mr Chairman.