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The newly appointed EU Ambassador to Nepal, Ms. Rensje Teerink submits her credentials to President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav at a special function at Shittal Niwas

The newly appointed Ambassador and Head of the European Union Delegation to Nepal, H.E. Ms. Rensje Teerink, presented her credentials to President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav at a special function organised at the Presidential office on 3 October, 2013.

Ambassador Teerink is the second fully accredited and resident Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union to Nepal.

"I have been appointed as the EU Ambassador to Nepal at an important moment in Nepal's political history, when the country is set to elect the second Constituent Assembly and complete the constitution drafting process," Ambassador Teerink said.

She reaffirmed the European Union's commitment to assist Nepal in accomplishing its immediate goal of holding fair and impartial elections on 19 November and stressed that all political parties should abide by the law whether they participate in the process or not. The EU has deployed an Election Observation Mission which will travel to different parts of Nepal to

observe the elections and will present its final report once the election is completed.

Ambassador Teerink stressed the need for Nepal to have a democratic and inclusive constitution at the earliest and to adopt policies to promote the economic development of all sections of the Nepalese society.

"We are very hopeful that there will be a significant increase in the EU's development assistance to Nepal for the coming years," Ambassador Teerink added.

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Annex: Ambassador's Biography and Picture

Ambassador Teerink, of Dutch nationality, was born in Luxembourg in 1960 and studied Cultural Anthropology/Non-Western Sociology at the University of Amsterdam. Specialising in Asian studies she conducted extensive field research in western India (Gujarat and Maharashtra). In 1985, she joined the Centre for Asian Studies Amsterdam (CASA) as a researcher and, among other consultancy posts, contributed to a project funded by IDPAD (the Indo-Dutch Project for Alternatives in Development) on gender and labour migration in rural India.

She joined the European Commission in 1995 as administrator for South Asia. In 2006, she was appointed Deputy Head of Unit for India, Nepal, Bhutan and SAARC. In 2011, she joined the newly created European External Action Service as Deputy Head of Division for the same countries. She was nominated by the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission, Catherine Ashton, as EU Ambassador/Head of Delegation to Nepal in April 2013.

Ambassador Teerink is married with two children and, apart from her Dutch mother tongue, is fluent in English, French, German and Italian and has a working knowledge of Spanish and Hindi.

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