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Ms. Lambert, Chairperson of European Parliament Delegation for Relations with the Countries of South Asia encourages Nepal to hold credible and inclusive elections within 2013

During her four-day visit to Kathmandu, Ms. Jean Lambert (Greens/UK), Chairperson of the European Parliament (EP) Delegation for Relations with the Countries of South Asia encouraged Nepal to work towards settling the outstanding issues and announcing an election date to hold the elections within 2013.

Following her meetings with state authorities, the Election and National Human Rights Commissions, the leaders of political parties, members of the civil society as well as the international community, Ms Lambert said, "holding the elections before the end of 2013 will send a strong signal to the people of Nepal and to the international community that its leaders are committed to meet the rights and aspirations of Nepali people for a stable, prosperous and democratic Nepal"

She further added that credible, transparent and inclusive elections are essential to stabilising the political situation, restoring crucial democratic institutions, and completing the interrelated processes of finalising a constitution on the basis of the past achievements and securing a lasting peace. The preparations on holding the next election, especially in view of the possible deployment of an EU Election Observation Mission, were also thoroughly discussed with the Election Commission of Nepal.

Ms. Lambert welcomed the efforts undertaken by the Interim Election Cabinet and the High-Level Political Committee to engage with those parties who currently have objections to the process and added that contentious policy issues should be resolved in an inclusive manner. Ms. Lambert invited those who have objections to the process to adopt a constructive attitude to ensure the widest possible political commitment for elections with a view to fully representing the views of the people.

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