

## **Local EU Statement on the dissolution of Nepal's Constituent Assembly**

EU Missions together with Norway and Switzerland call on parties to forge consensus for peace, stability and constitution

The Embassy of Denmark representing the EU issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission in Nepal:

"We express our disappointment over the failure of the political parties to agree on a new constitution, which resulted in the dissolution of the Constituent Assembly on 27 May. We are concerned by the possibility of prolonged political uncertainty and the effect this could have on Nepal's socio-economic development.

We call on all the political parties to build consensus on the way forward, preserve the achievements of the past four years and find a solution to the legal problems at hand which is acceptable to all and in the best interest of the country.

We believe that respect for fundamental democratic principles is essential to guarantee that the aspiration of Nepal's citizens for peace, stability, and prosperity is met.

We have been keenly supporting the development and peace process in Nepal, and we reaffirm our continuing support to efforts by the political parties to find ways and build the necessary trust to conclude the peace agreement they reached in 2006, and deliver a democratic and inclusive constitution."

In Kathmandu on 31 May 2012

*The following Kathmandu-based missions have subscribed to this statement: Delegation of the European Union to Nepal, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, UK, Norway, and Switzerland.*