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### Ensure Citizens' Human Rights

National Human Rights Commission of Nepal draws its attention seriously towards the situation of migrant workers including all the Nepali nationals stuck near to the international border of the country. Due to global COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the whole world including Nepal is lock down, in such a situation, the state's primary responsibility is to provide safety and to respect and protect the fundamental human rights of the citizens. Because of the difficulties in employment, food and housing in the foreign lands the Nepali nationals repatriate to Nepal, the Commission requests to the Government of Nepal to create conducive environment to reside in the homeland after necessary health checkup following the specified criteria.

Though, in this panic and awful situation, all the rights of the citizens may not be exercised smoothly same as in the general situation, the government should be serious towards managing the exercise of the fundamental rights provisioned by the Constitution and other laws. The Commission expects the mobilization of the essential resources as well as the necessary and immediate coordination among the concerned agencies. In such an alarming situation, the Government of Nepal should respect the Article 52 of the Constitution as well as the Article 12 (2) and (4) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966 in which Nepal is a state party. Similarly, the Commission requests to all to follow the citizens' duties respecting the specified criteria by the government of Nepal and in accordance with the Article 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Article 48 of the Constitution.

In any difficult situation, the citizens of every nation suppose additional support from the government, in this context, the Commission draws attention of the Government of Nepal to create the conducive environment for the Nepali nationals who are in the border area but denied to enter into the homeland managing health service, shelter and the food supply and ensuring their dignified condition to repatriate them their homes monitoring by the high level representatives of the Government of Nepal.

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