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### **Serious Concern of NHRC with regard to the Formation of the Transitional Justice Mechanisms**

National Human Rights Commission, Nepal is immensely alert with regard to the conclusion of transitional justice issue from the time of comprehensive peace accord. As it is well known that with regard to this, the Commission has been expressing its opinion time and again. The Commission seriously concerns over the matter that has been recently coming through the media with regard to the formation of the Commissions for addressing the transitional justice and the Commission is also surprised. The Commission wants to recall that NHRC also represents the recommendation committee to take a decision on the appointment of the vacant posts of the Commissioners of two transitional justice mechanisms: the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Commission of Investigation on Enforced Disappeared Persons. It is not the matter of dilemma that the responsibility of recommendation is given to the recommendation committee as provisioned in the law. The Committee should recommend the individuals who are qualified and friendly to the norms and values of human rights, with independence, impartiality, victim friendliness and transparency.

The Commission realizes that if the selection of the Commissioners of both of the Commissions happens as the matters are coming through the media; the appointment process cannot be impartial, neutral, and transparent. In this situation, it will be very difficult for the conflict victims to realize the justice and the legitimacy and impartiality of the recommendation committee authorized by the law can be questioned so, the NHRC makes its opinion public that the Commission is serious and can rethink whether NHRC functions further in the recommendation committee as a member or not. But, the Commission expresses its satisfaction towards drawing attention in the political circle to amend the act.

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