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It is unarguable that the victim parties of violation of human rights of serious nature and crime against humanity during the armed conflict in Nepal deserve the rights know the truth, get relief along with justice. The attention of National Human Rights Commission is drawn to the matter concerning the proposed bill on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that would provide the provisions of general amnesty as revealed through some news papers of late. The National Human Rights Commission has expressed its view and sent on October 15, 2011, with regard to the ratification of the International Criminal Court of Rome Statute including the establishment of transitional mechanisms. The Commission would like to remind its firm stand that pioneering the TRC is very much positive breakthrough though the general clemency intended to suppress the rights of conflict victims would go against the value of Rome Statute, prevalent international standards of human rights and laws. Since such a deed, as expressed earlier by the Commission, won't help establish justice and sustainable peace, the Commission appeals to all the concerned parties not to include the provisions or have them included or cause to include anyway the provisions of awarding general amnesty with regard to the human rights violations of serious nature and crime against humanity in the above Bill. Bishal Khanal Secretary Turmukam, Pokhara