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Mr. Chairperson

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen

First of all, I would like to thank Mr. Chairperson for providing me this opportunity to share my views with distinguished delegates, I, on behalf of the Nepalese parliamentary delegation would like to thank Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) for inviting us to participate at the 28th annual parliamentary forum on Human Security. Mr./ Mrs Chairperson we are very much honored to participate the Fourth Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the Rule of Law. The discussions on Human Security, significance of the ICC and rule of law are now taking place across the world for the durable peace and harmony in the society. I am very much confident that our discussions on these important topics shall be concluded along with the comprehensive Tokyo Resolutions for the future course of action in the field for Human Security, International Justice and Global Peace.

Mr. Chairperson it is needless to say that the lasting peace is impossible without the security of human beings brutal suppressions with misuse of state power in the world today. The cases of gross violations of human rights are the great threats for the promotion of peace and security in the society. I think, we all share the same view on the issue of Human Security that is in the absence of legal sanction to those who are involved in the killing of innocent people. Genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and other violations of basic human rights in people's day to day life, peace and security can not be maintained in the society. I also firmly believe without following of the principle of the rule of law and human rights, sustainable peace is not going to be achieve, the world. In this connection, I would like to draw the attention of the distinguished delegates to the legal instrument of the ICC, which was established by the Rome Statute in 1998.

Mr. Chairperson, although Nepal is not a part of the ICC yet, Nepal has always remained all sorts of crimes including crimes against humanity and we have made some progress towards the Rome Statute. It is my pleasure to share with the distinguished delegates that the parliament of Nepal has recently, unanimously passed a parliamentary resolution directing the government of Nepal to be a part of the Rome Statute on the ICC.

Nepal is keenly committed to control crime and bring criminals to justice even the military is not spared. A military law has been enacted by the parliament for the first time in the history of Nepal, which emphasizes transparency and human rights. All the military personnel crimes are tried in the civilian special courts. We are now passing through a critical phase of our political transition in Nepal- the armed insurgency, which took the lives of over 10000 innocents has ended. Recently, there was a peace accord and the country is bent upon entering into a new era of peace, harmony and progress. Therefore Mr. Chairman we are very keen in advancing the meaningful application of the ICC. Finally, we Parliamentarians as the representatives of peoples have a greater role for the protection of people from crime and other cruelties against them. We have also a central role to ratify the international treaties and protocols made for the human security. We can protect our people from the atrocities of some despotic rulers by ratify the treaty of the ICC that allows for the legal sanctions against those who commit crimes against crimes against humanity and also against those who have no respect for the rule of law. In this regard, I call upon the honorable parliamentarians from all over the world to use their parliamentary privileges to ratify the Rome Statute on the ICC for the protection of humanity, for the promotion of peace and international justice in the world in the days to come.

Thank you for your kind attention.