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Press Release

The Honorable Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba held a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Dr. Johann Wadephul, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany today at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin.

While appreciating the German cooperation in the socio-economic development of Nepal, the Hon. Foreign Minister Dr. Deuba urged His Excellency Dr. Wadephul to increase the scale and scope of such cooperation to Nepal. She also called for the continued support to Nepal to make its graduation from LDC status smooth, irreversible and sustainable. His Excellency Dr. Wadephul assured her of German support and cooperation.

The Hon. Minister commended the role made by the German Government in the development of key sectors and assured that Nepal is now well prepared to invited foreign direct investment in many important sectors including agriculture, tourism, and hydropower.

Underscoring the importance of tourism between Nepal and Germany, the Hon. Minister requested His Excellency Dr. Wadephul to play a leading role in lifting the ban imposed on Nepali airlines to fly in the EU airspace.

The Hon. Minister informed His Excellency Dr. Wadephul about the two bills tabled by the Government of Nepal to separate dual roles of the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN) as both regulator and service provider as per the recommendation by the EU and ICAO. The Hon. Minister also highlighted the vital role of direct flights between Nepal and Europe in the promotion of tourism in Nepal. His Excellency Dr. Wadephul assured Hon. Minister for his positive role in this matter.

The Hon. Minister discussed the significance of Sagarmatha Sumbad and acknowledged the participation of the German experts. While raising the Nepal's sufferings due to climate change, the Hon. Minister called for the German cooperation in the climate justice agenda of Nepal. His Excellency Dr. Wadephul took positive note of Nepal's request.

On people-to-people relations between the two countries, the Hon. Minister suggested the German side to enhance the capacity of Kathmandu Goethe Centre to German language aspirants and make the consular works including issuance of visas easier so that students and professionals of Nepal could have easy access to Germany. Further, the Hon. Minister requested the German Government to facilitate the Nepali business community in promoting local brands of Nepal in Germany.

Both the Ministers express their desire to support each other in international forums on matters of common interests including the candidatures in various organs of the United Nations.

The Hon. Minister extended her cordial invitation to His Excellency Dr. Wadephul to pay an official visit to Nepal at mutually convenient date. His Excellency Dr. Wadephul accepted the invitation and assured Hon. Minister to pay such visit in a suitable time.

His Excellency Dr. Shail Rupakheti, Ambassador of Nepal to Germany, Mr. Sushil Gyawali, Chief Executive Officer of Investment Board of Nepal and other officials from the Embassy of Nepal in Berlin and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal were present at the meeting.

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