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Address by the President of the Republic of Latvia on the occasion of the accreditation of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Nepal Lila Prasad Sharma

Your Excellency!

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you as the first Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Nepal to the Republic of Latvia.

Your assignment to this esteemed post is an important event in the history of relations between Latvia and Nepal. I am convinced that this day will become a point of reference in the diplomatic relations between Latvia and Kingdom of Nepal, which this year have reached their tenth anniversary.

Latvia has always been open to friends and cooperation. The dynamics of time after the restoration of our independence has demonstrated convincingly that the security of Latvia and prosperity of its people are closely connected with its capability to engage in European, transatlantic and global cooperation.

Although Latvia and Nepal belong to different regions of the world, certain similarities can be found in the development of our countries. These similarities have become particularly noticeable in the last ten years, which have been marked by radical changes in the social as well as economic life of our countries. Latvia well understands the aspirations of Nepal to achieve the stabilization of the situation in the country, as peace is crucial for the creation of a modern, civilized society governed by the respect for the rule of law and human rights.

To date the bilateral contacts between our countries have not been regular and consistent. They have not reached much further than the interest of Latvian travelers to explore your beautiful country and ascend to the highest summits of the world. However, there are numerous possibilities for expanding cooperation between both countries in the spheres of trade and economy, and particularly in culture and education. The Latvian nation takes pride in its unique cultural heritage and Latvia supports the interest of the Kingdom of Nepal to enhance our cooperation in this field.

Today mutual support and cooperation within the framework of multilateral structures, particularly in the United Nations Organization, serve as one means of interstate cooperation. This is of particular importance, as you just mentioned, Mr. Ambassador, for such small countries as Latvia and Nepal.

The term of your work in Latvia coincides with important decisions concerning Latvias membership in the European Union and NATO. I am confident that in the very near future the relations between Latvia and Nepal will develop as relations between an EU memberstate and a partner of this organization in Asia.

Your Excellency,

I am confident that your assignment to the post of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kingdom of Nepal to Latvia will be a significant impulse for cooperation between both countries and nations on a qualitatively new level.

Let me wish you success in your work as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Latvia!