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Kathmandu-based Ambassadors' statement on UNMIN's departure

The heads of diplomatic missions in Nepal (Australia, Canada, Denmark, EU, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, UK and USA) today made the following statement:

"As UNMIN prepares to depart on 16 January, we express our appreciation and thanks to the Representative of the Secretary General and her team for their efforts. UNMIN has successfully supported the peace process since 2007, including the historic elections in 2008 and monitoring of the ceasefire agreement.

"While there has been some progress towards implementing the various elements of the Comprehensive Peace Accord, key commitments have yet to be met. We urge all Nepali parties to take forward their full responsibilities in the weeks and months to come.

"We are encouraged by the news that the Government and the UCPN-M agreed on 14 January that the Army Integration Special Committee (AISC) will assume monitoring responsibilities from UNMIN. We look forward to receiving details of this agreement.

"Our countries reaffirm their full support for the peace process and request all parties to continue to respect and uphold the peace agreements. As UNMIN departs and the deadline for completing a democratic, inclusive constitution approaches, it is all the more important to show restraint while making fresh efforts to reach consensus.

"We call upon all political parties to redouble their efforts and to continue to work together in the spirit of compromise to fulfil the commitments they made to each other, and to the Nepali people. We urge the continuation of sustained dialogue that will contribute to the resolution of outstanding issues.

"We welcome the ongoing engagement of the United Nations as the international community continues to support the people of Nepal."

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