

## STATEMENT BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEPAL

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The United Nations in Nepal is deeply pained by the tragic loss of lives, the rising tensions and the escalating violence across the country. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of those who have lost loved ones and wish a full and speedy recovery to the injured.

Freedom of expression, access to information and peaceful assembly are fundamental rights protected under Nepali and international law. We call on all protestors to exercise these fundamental freedoms peacefully and refrain from violence. At the same time, we urge the authorities to ensure that all law enforcement responses remain proportionate and in line with international human rights standards. All allegations of excessive use of force should be investigated promptly in an independent, transparent and impartial manner. Dialogue remains the best means of addressing the concerns of citizens, including the country's young people.

The voices of young Nepalis have been heard loud and clear, and Nepal will benefit from taking concrete steps to address the root causes of the issues raised and ensuring a prosperous future for young Nepalis. The United Nations stands ready to support dialogue and trust-building measures that can help de-escalate tensions and contribute to a peaceful resolution for prosperous Nepal.

