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The Ministerial Segment of the 74<sup>th</sup> Session of the UNESCAP commenced in Bangkok this morning. High-level delegations from UNESCAP member states as well as representatives from other UN agencies, international organizations and other stakeholders are participating in the conference. This year's Session is meeting under the theme topic of "Inequality in the era of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

Hon. Prof. Dr. Puspa Raj Kadel, Vice Chairman of the National Planning Commission, is leading the Nepali delegation to the conference. Other members of the Nepali delegation include Mr. Sharad Chandra Paudel, Secretary, National Planning Commission; Nepali Ambassador in Bangkok Dr. Khaga Nath Adhikari; Mr. Khomraj Koirala, Joint Secretary, National Planning Commission; and Mr. Janga Bahadur Gurung, Counsellor in the Embassy of Nepal in Bangkok.

The leader of the Nepali delegation, Hon. Dr. Puspa Raj Kadel, addressed the conference this afternoon. In his statement, he spoke about the present situation of Nepal, and highlighted the ongoing plans and programmers of the Government of Nepal, especially with reference to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He stated that inequality, both in the country as well as in the regional and international levels, is one of the major challenges facing the UNESCAP member states today. He underscored the efforts of the Government of Nepal towards achieving the SDGs. Such efforts, he elaborated, include the creation of an enabling environment,

including the promulgation of a new constitution, elections for federal, provincial and local levels, formation of a stable government, and many other efforts such as aligning periodic plans and programmes with the SDGs. He added that achieving the SDGs is an arduous task for an LDC like Nepal, and called upon the international community for its help and support.

The Official Segment of the Commission Session had begun on 11 May. Mr. Khomraj Koirala, Joint Secretary, National Planning Commission, led the Nepali delegation to the Official Segment. Mr. Janga Bahadur Gurung, Counsellor in the Embassy of Nepal in Bangkok, was another member of the delegation.

The Commission Session is scheduled to review the work of the UNESCAP in the past years, consider and possibly adopt a number of resolutions sponsored by member states, including a resolution sponsored by Nepal, and make decisions on other matters under its consideration.

The session will conclude on 16 May.

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A blue circular stamp of the Embassy of Nepal, Bangkok, is overlaid with a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and extends across the bottom of the stamp. The stamp itself contains the text 'EMBASSY OF NEPAL' and 'Bangkok' around the perimeter.

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