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CEN's Statement on President Trump decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement

The reality of climate change is acknowledged universally. Scientific findings have confirmed that the global rise in temperature and its impact during recent decades are caused by human-induced climate change. Recent findings from Nepal reveals that the country annual maximum temperature is rising at the rate of 0.056°C per year, much higher than the global average. Thus, all countries, particularly the countries with high greenhouse gas emissions, have a responsibility to address this issue urgently by reducing their emissions.

After a series of discussions over the past two decades, finally an agreement was reached in Paris in 2015, which takes into account the necessary mitigation effort by all Parties for keeping global warming to "well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C". Till date the Paris Agreement is signed by 195 countries and ratified by 148 Parties. Nepal, as one of the most vulnerable country to the adverse impact of climate change with least contribution to the cause has already signed and ratified the Agreement. We believe that the Paris Agreement is a remarkable achievement and the global momentum in support of the agreement continues.

In this context, as the President of the world's largest historical emitter, the decision to withdraw from the widely accepted universal Paris Agreement is disappointing and short-sighted.

However, it's overwhelming to see that many global leaders, business, cities and grassroots organizations continue to reaffirm their commitment to the Paris Agreement. As a leading member of Nepali civil society, we stand together to support the growing global momentum in support of the Paris Agreement. We recognize the commitment shown by the mayors, governors, college and university leaders, businesses, and investors of the United States who are joining forces to declare that they will continue to support climate action to meet the Paris Agreement.

We also welcome the strong statements from all other world leaders that their countries and groups, including the Least Developed Countries Group, reaffirming commitments to work together and take actions related to climate change. We also, acknowledge the global leadership shown by European Union including France, Germany, and together with China, India, Canada and others who came forward to fill the void created by the US announcement. We believe that the global community remain united and will not allow a single country to renegotiate the Paris Agreement.

We urge the US administration to reconsider its recent announcement and join the forces to save this planet and humanity from the adverse impact of climate change.

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