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## Statement On EU/EOM Report: Nepal's Election Observation

National Alliance for Human Rights and Social Justice Nepal (Human Rights Alliance) expresses its concern over the Election Observation Report and the Press Statement issued by the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU/EOM) on 20 March 2018.

The Election Commission of Nepal has out-rightly rejected the Report being against the National and International Election Observation Code of Conduct. The Election Commission has marked the Report being misleading and baseless. On the one hand, the EU/EOM's Report on its front page highlights, "The information and views set out in this report are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the official opinion of the European Union", on the other, it has disagreed the government's position on the report by issuing another statement on 22 March resulting confusion among the public on the agreements made by both parties.

Human Rights Alliance has its opinion on the report that some of the recommendations furnished by the report are against the spirit of the Constitution such as Article 18 on right to equality and Article 42 on right to Social Justice. Human Rights Alliance draws the attention of the concerned that the Observation Mission's statement has created confusion in respecting the principle of human rights for all while making recommendations indicating a particular community of Nepal.

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