



Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General

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The Secretary-General has received the proclamation made today by His Majesty King Gyanendra regarding the current political crisis in Nepal. He welcomes the affirmation that executive power will be returned to the people. It is up to the parties to work out the modalities for the transfer of power in a timely, orderly and responsible manner. He sincerely hopes that this will result in the speedy restoration of democratic order, an end to the conflict and the establishment of lasting peace through an inclusive process of dialogue. He appreciates the intensive diplomatic efforts of Nepal's friends and neighbours.

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