



**Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on Nepal
New York, 12 April 2005**

The Secretary-General welcomes the signing yesterday of a Memorandum of Understanding between the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of His Majesty's Government of Nepal providing for the establishment of an operation of the High Commissioner's Office in Nepal to monitor the observance of human rights and international law. This is an important development that should help prevent human rights abuses and contribute to the peaceful resolution of the conflict in Nepal.