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**The High Commissioner accepts extension**

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The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Ms Navanethem Pillay, has written to the Government confirming her acceptance of the extension of the agreement between her Office and the Government of Nepal. This follows an official communication by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which stated that the Government of Nepal agreed to extend the mandate until 9 June 2010.

In her letter the High Commissioner told the Government that her Office is pleased to provide the Government and people of Nepal with its continued support during this important transitional period. She said that the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights remains strongly committed to further strengthen the national human rights protection system, in particular National Human Rights Commission, through continued cooperation and capacity building. She noted that taking into account the developments in Nepal her Office has been reduced in scale since 2008 and the staffing structure will continue to change according to new priorities.