



**Statement by the Representative of the Secretary-General in Nepal, Karin Landgren**

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The United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) welcomes the formation of the High Level Political Mechanism (HLPM), a forum dedicated to multi-party dialogue on peace process-related issues.

The United Nations Security Council in its resolution 1879 (July 2009) encouraged renewed and sustained efforts to create a unified approach among the political parties, including through such a mechanism.

The establishment of the HLPM comes at a time when consensus among the parties is vital for securing adherence to clear timelines for the finalisation of Nepal's new constitution, and for the integration and rehabilitation of Maoist army personnel, both critical steps in the peace process.

UNMIN is hopeful that this forum will bring fresh momentum to the peace process, and remains ready to assist the parties in achieving their objective.