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Letter dated 14 July 2009 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the attached letter of 7 July 2009 addressed to me by the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, Madhu Raman Acharya (see annex), in which he requested, on behalf of his Government, the extension of the current mandate of the United Nations Mission in Nepal by another six months, from 23 July 2009.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Ban Ki-moon**



Annex

Letter dated 7 July 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to request an extension of the duration of the current mandate and the continuation of the related works of the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) by another six months, beginning 23 July 2009. The Government of Nepal has decided to request such extension in view of the consistent evolution of the situation in the country and in recognition of the important role being played by UNMIN in providing support and facilitation within its mandate to Nepal's nationally driven peace process since its establishment under Security Council resolution 1740 (2007) and subsequent renewals.

I have further honour to inform you that the peace process which began with the formation of the democratic Government as a result of the success of the People's Movement in 2006 and the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the Government of Nepal and the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) in November 2006, has consistently been making progress. The Government and the major political parties of Nepal remain fully committed to taking the peace process to its logical conclusion and they have been keenly engaged in that direction. The elected Constituent Assembly is duly working to write a new democratic constitution for Nepal within the stipulated time frame.

Meanwhile, a technical committee formed by the Special Committee constituted in accordance with article 146 of the Interim Constitution of Nepal has already been active and working to assist the Special Committee in taking appropriate measures on the future of the Unified Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist combatants currently living in the cantonments. Within the next month, the Special Committee will be reconstituted as appropriate and will be strengthened with the necessary support structure at the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction. Similarly, appropriate bodies of the Government, in consultation with all political parties, will shortly come up with an action plan with timelines for discharging the disqualified combatants and also for beginning the process of integration and rehabilitation of the combatants living in cantonments.

(Signed) Madhu Raman **Acharya**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative