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It is well known to all that the historic 12-Point Understanding for democracy, peace, prosperity, progress and national independence has been reached between the Seven Political Parties, fighting for the end of absolute monarchy and establishment of full democracy, and the CPN (Maoist) on November 22, 2005. There is no doubt that the Understanding has already been approved by the people as the so-called municipality elections held by the dictatorial authority on February 8, 2006, failed completely due to the rapid wave of nationwide People's Movement started after the 12-Point Understanding. Likewise, the widespread support by the international community for this Understanding makes it clear that this Understanding is the basis for the real solution to the ongoing conflict in the country. In this situation, we reiterate our firm commitment for the implementation of this Understanding by all parties with a strong determination.

Here, we would like to recall that 'the agitating Seven Political Parties are fully committed to the fact that the existing conflict in the country can be resolved and that the sovereignty and the state powers can be vested completely in people only by establishing full democracy by restoring the parliament through the force of agitation and forming an powerful all-party Government by its decision, negotiating with the Maoists, and on the basis of agreement, holding the election of Constituent Assembly. The CPN (Maoist) is of the view that the aforementioned goal can be achieved by holding a national political conference of the agitating democratic forces and by forming Interim Government through conference decisions and holding the election to the Constituent Assembly, and the CPN (M) expresses its commitment. On the issue of this procedural agenda, an understanding has been made to continue dialogue and seek a common agreement between the agitating Seven Political Parties and the CPN (Maoist). It has been agreed that the force of People's Movement is the only alternative to achieve this goal.'

We cordially appeal to all democratic political forces, civil society, professional groups, public organisations, people from the oppressed castes and areas, media personnel and the common people to make the ongoing movement successful by actively participating in the establishment of full democracy, with sovereignty and state power being completely vested in people, through the Constituent Assembly election.

We also make a special appeal to the international community to extend their support in this initiation of the political parties to restore peace in Nepal for establishment of full democracy in the country, the end of the absolute monarchy, and resolving the armed conflict of the last ten years through a progressive political outlet.

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