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## Agreement between the GoN and Samyukta Muslim Rastriya Sangharsha Samiti

Today, March 16, 2009, the Government Talks Team formed by the Government of Nepal and the Talks Team of the Samyukta Muslim Rastriya Sangharsha Samiti [Joint Muslim National Struggle Committee] reached an agreement as follows:

1. The Government of Nepal is clear that all *Adivasi, Janajati, Madheshi, Tharu, Dalit* and minority communities of the country, including Muslims, have their own distinct identity. Hence, the existing constitutional and legal provisions that jeopardize or shadow their independent identity shall be amended by following the necessary procedure.
2. Expressing commitment to Clause (d1) of Article 33 of the Interim Constitution of Nepal 2007, which states ‘to enable Madheshi, Dalits, Adivasi Janajati [indigenous nationalities], women, labourers, farmers, the physically impaired, disadvantages classes and disadvantaged regions to participate in all organs of the State structure on the basis of proportional inclusion’, the Government of Nepal shall take necessary initiative to ensure political, economic, social, cultural and educational rights of all *Adivasi, Janajati, Madheshi, Tharu, Dalit* and minority communities of the country, including Muslims.
3. The National Muslim Commission shall be constituted as soon as possible by conforming necessary procedures to carry out acts, including uplift and development of various sector in relation to the Nepalese Muslim community, formation of a permanent Hajj Committee and Madarasha Board.
4. The Government of Nepal shall positively consider the request for declaring the birthday of Hajarat Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam and Muharram festivals public holidays.

5. The report of the national census conducted in B.S. 2058 (2002), as per the policy of the Government of Nepal to carry out national census every ten years, has already been made public. The Government is committed to carrying out census in a manner that separate numerical and other particulars of all *Adivasi*, *Janajati*, *Madheshi*, *Tharu*, *Dalit*, minority communities of the country, including Muslim, are clearly reflected.
6. Expressing commitment on behalf of the entire Muslim community of Nepal to conclude the peace process of the country and to draft a people-oriented Constitution, the Joint Muslim National Struggle Committee has called off all declared programmes of struggle.

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