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Press Release

Foreign Secretary Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi had a meeting with Mr. Niels Annan, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany at the latter's office in Berlin this afternoon.

During the meeting, they expressed satisfaction at the excellent state of bilateral relations between the two countries over last six decades. The Foreign Secretary thanked the Government of Federal Republic of Germany for their continued support and cooperation to Nepal's development efforts.

They deliberated on the need to further widening and deepening cooperation in areas of mutual interest, with particular focus on trade, investment, tourism, education, science and technology, connectivity, and climate change. They also exchanged views on regional and global issues of common interest.

Later today Mr. Bairagi had a meeting with Mr. Tobias Pfluger, Chairman of the South Asian Parliamentary Committee of the Bundestag-Federal Parliament, in Berlin. Ms. Gabriele Katzmarek and Ms. Esther Dilcher, members of the same Parliamentary Committee were also present in the meeting.

During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on ways and means to further strengthen bilateral relations between Nepal and Germany.

In both meetings, Mr. Bairagi was accompanied by Ambassador of Nepal to Germany Mr. Ramesh Prasad Khanal, Joint Secretary of Europe America Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari and other officials of the Ministry and the Embassy.

In the evening, the Foreign Secretary attended a function hosted by Ambassador Mr. Khanal to mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Nepal and Germany. Senior officials of the German Government, members of civil society, Friends of Nepal and a large number of representatives of Nepali communities in Germany were present on the occasion.

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