

**Intervention by H.E. Amrit Bahadur Rai, Permanent Representative of Nepal,
at the Virtual Ceremony to Mark the Commemoration of the signing of the
Charter of the United Nations.**

Friday, 26 June 2020, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Mr. President,

Nepal is committed to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, which are firmly entrenched in Nepal's Constitution as a guiding basis for its foreign policy.

Since its establishment, the United Nations has successfully endured many trials and tribulations. It has successfully adapted itself to tackle the challenges facing humanity.

In the last 75 years, the United Nations has evolved as a cooperative venture with universal membership of 193 States. Not only has its membership expanded but the issues and actors, not imagined at the time of the signing of the UN Charter, have also been increasing over the years.

Mr. President,

The UN Charter is both the constituent instrument of the United Nations and a multilateral treaty among its members.

With its universal ratification and special legal status, it provides, through the fundamental principles including respect for national sovereignty, territorial integrity, peaceful settlement of disputes, and non-interference in the internal affairs of States, an important framework for democratic, transparent, and inclusive global order.

It is an embodiment of global unity, solidarity, cooperation, and a common future.

These principles could not ever be more relevant than now when the fate of whole humanity is at stake due to COVID-19, our invisible enemy. It is a moment to contemplate on strengthening our solidarity and cooperation.

The current realities demand more trust and faith in the principles of the UN Charter as multilateralism and universal cooperation are the only tools to secure the wellbeing of '*we the people*'.

We must renew our commitment to the UN charter to save this and future generations from the menace of pandemics, hunger, conflicts and climate catastrophe.

We must uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter to ensure lasting peace, strengthen international cooperation, and promote friendly relations among all countries – small or big, weak or powerful, poor or rich.

Nepal is committed to discharging its role to fight global challenges - be it pandemic, poverty, peace and security or climate catastrophe in this globalized world through multilateral institutions. Let us make the United Nations stronger and effective to serve us the way we want.

Thank you.