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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal, and has the honor to request the assistance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in informing the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Labor and Employment, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Ministry of Information and Communications, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Supplies, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare and other concerned Ministries and governmental entities in Nepal as appropriate of United States policy regarding the issuance of letters of endorsement, “no objection” letters, or similar letters for U.S. citizens and organizations.

The U.S. Embassy respectfully informs the Ministry that the U.S. Government does not issue letters of endorsement, “no objection letters,” or similar letters that introduce, guarantee, or vouch for private U.S. citizens or U.S.-based organizations.

U.S. Government regulations do not allow the U.S. Embassy to issue the type of correspondence mentioned above. It is not a service that we provide to our citizens in any country. However, we respectfully note that any absence of a letter of endorsement or similar correspondence should not impede any U.S. citizen or entity from carrying out activities in accordance with Government of Nepal regulations.

U.S. citizens and organizations do not require prior approval or verification from the U.S. Embassy for any reason, including but not limited to the following:

- Confirming the *bona fides* of a U.S.-based company, nongovernmental organization, educational institution, or other entity
- Pursuing higher education and exchange study programs in Nepal
- Purchasing a motor vehicle or obtaining a driver's license
- Installing a telephone or purchasing a mobile phone
- Working legally in various institutions in Nepal
- Opening a bank account or conducting a business
- Residing long-term or retiring in Nepal
- Permission for a private individual (non-Embassy Staff) to visit American citizens in prison
- Volunteering, teaching, joining monasteries or temples

Please consider this note the assurance that the U.S. Government places no restrictions on American citizens and organizations who wish to pursue these and other activities in Nepal.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kathmandu, Nepal, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

Kathmandu, April 10, 2014.

