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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 other 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 the U.S. provides to its 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. citizens or organizations from carrying out activities in accordance with Government of Nepal regulations.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

U.S. citizens and organizations are periodically requested to produce documents related to the following, and other, scenarios:

- Confirming the *bona fides* of a U.S. based company, nongovernmental organization, educational institution, or other entity
- Registering the birth or death of a U.S. citizen in Nepal
- Pursuing education and/or exchange study programs in Nepal
- Purchasing or registering a motor vehicle or obtaining a driver's license
- Installing a telephone or purchasing a mobile phone
- Applying for a relationship visa or initiating marriage proceedings
- Working legally, applying for long-term residency, or retiring in Nepal
- Opening a bank account or conducting a business
- Visiting U.S. citizens or foreign nationals in prison
- Volunteering, teaching, writing or engaging in journalism, joining monasteries or temples
- Obtaining visas for travel to other countries

As all of these activities are civil in nature, the federal government of the United States does not have a role, or insight, into them on behalf of U.S. citizens. As such, the U.S. Embassy is not in a position to provide information related to these efforts. The U.S. Government places no restrictions on U.S. citizens and organizations who wish to pursue these and other activities in Nepal. Going forward, should U.S. citizens or organizations approach the Embassy to request such documentation, the Embassy will provide a copy of this Note as the response.

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

Embassy of the United States of America,
Kathmandu, May 4, 2018.

