
WHITE PAPER FOR ELIMINATION OF UNTOUCHABILITY, 2004
A Common Signature of the Political Leaders of the Major Political parties
DECLARED ON DECEMBER 31st 2004

We the signatories of this White Paper against Untouchability 2004, remaining under the constitution of our respected parties, its ethics, code of conduct and our political ideology, hereby declare and affirm that we vow to commit ourselves towards attaining social justice through our soul, words and actions; hereby promise to the sovereign people of the Kingdom of Nepal; with due respect to the basic principles of human rights, democracy, rule of law, human dignity, equality and liberty;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all Human Rights envisaged in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all Rights against Racial Discrimination and All Forms of Discrimination envisaged in the International Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 1965;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all Rights envisaged in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all Rights envisaged in the rights envisaged in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all Rights envisaged in the International Convention on Elimination of All Forms Discrimination Against Women 1979;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all Rights envisaged in the International Convention on the Rights of Child, 1989;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all Rights envisaged in the International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 1984;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all Rights envisaged in the International Convention Against Slavery, 1926;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all rights envisaged in the SAARC Convention Against Trafficking of Women and Children, 2002;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all principles laid in the Third World Congress Against Racism (Durban Declaration and Plan of Action), 2001;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all Fundamental Rights and Constitutional Rights envisaged in The Constitution of the Kingdom of Nepal 1990;


With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all Legal Rights envisaged in other Domestic Laws of the Nation;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all the Notices published by His Majesty's Government in the National Gazette;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all the Declarations made by His Majesty's Government of Nepal regarding Elimination of Untouchability-Apartheid;

With our common commitment to promote, protect and implement all the General Recommendations and Concluding Comments made by the various UN Committees to the State Party to ensure Human Rights;

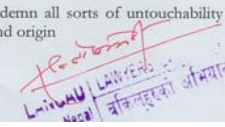

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And also promise to abide by the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct of our respective political parties concerning Elimination of Untouchability-Apartheid; to acknowledge that the caste of human being is human being only; that every human being is subjected to be placed in heart and the truth that no human being should be considered as untouchable on any grounds;

With the great objective to elimination of caste based discrimination and Untouchability-Apartheid deeply rooted in Nepalese society as an inhuman practice;

Hereby declare that;

1. Action shall be taken against any political cadres of our political party, of any level who practices or provokes any other person to practice untouchability in moral conduct, personal behavior and daily activities as well as in party related activities, regardless of position, level and protocol the person bears.
2. Action shall be taken against any volunteer of our party who practices or provokes any other person to practice untouchability in moral conduct, personal behavior and daily activities as well as in party related activities, regardless of the party evaluation the person bears.
3. All volunteers and members (general or executive) of our party shall initiate immediate action against any criminal of untouchability crime to ensure social justice, regardless of the position, goodwill or status the offender bears.
4. All volunteers and members (general or executive) of our party shall protect all victims of untouchability in their local VDC, Municipality, District, Zone, and Region and anywhere in and outside the territory of the kingdom of Nepal.
5. All volunteers and members (general or executive) of our party shall raise awareness of the people of Nepal against all sorts of untouchability existing in the society and to organize advocacy campaigns against untouchability.
6. Access to the positions in all committees, levels and membership of our party shall be made available to the present victims of untouchability in a scientifically reserved manner according to their educational, social, economic, cultural, civil and political status in the society with equal participation from other vulnerable groups and communities like women, indigenous and in proportional number regardless of caste, creed, race, gender and origin.
7. 2005 A.D. shall be marked nationwide as the **Year of Elimination of Untouchability 2005** with several programs, interactions, seminars, workshops and peaceful demonstrations and 2005-2015 A.D. shall be marked as the **Decade of Elimination of Caste Based Untouchability 2005-2015** by declaring long-term plans, agendas and procedures to eliminate untouchability from Nepal.
8. Proper initiation shall be taken immediately by our respective parties to amend, include and to strengthen our policies to eliminate untouchability in the Constitution of our Political party and in the election manifestos as well as to formulate proper and strict rules, regulations and code of conduct to abolish inhuman untouchability as well as all forms of untouchability in practice.
9. Despite our independent political ideologies, we shall always support the declarations, agendas and policies of the government of any ruling party in terms of execution of any programs related to elimination of untouchability and that we shall also pressurize the government to announce special measures and policies to support victims of untouchability and to take severe and immediate action against the offenders.
10. We shall always condemn all sorts of untouchability against victims from all caste, creed, race, gender and origin


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11. We shall commit ourselves to foster and proper social justice, human dignity and equality from January 1st, 2005 and promise to the citizens of Nepal that they shall live in a dignified humanitarian world, from the first new morning of the New Year.
12. We the signatories hereby issue this White Paper on this auspicious 31st day of the month of December of the Year two Thousand and Four and direct all party members and members of our allied institutions to adopt and implement the clauses set forth in this White Paper.



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Our struggle does not end as long as there is a single human being, compromised or made as a result of the law.



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