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An Initial Abstract of the Mediation Sharing by Professor Johan Galtung

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The deep rooted socio-economic, socio-cultural and socio-political and ideological conflicts culminated into eleven years of violent outbursts and armed conflict in Nepal. Although several rounds (third times)) of talks have been held between the Government of Nepal/Seven Party Alliance and CPN (Maoist), truce is at stalemate and violence is rife. Although **ceasefire** has been achieved, it is yet far from **peace**. The key issues causing stagnancy to the talks are Arms and Combatants Management, Role of Monarchy, Incumbent Reinstated House of Representatives and Constituent Assembly. The very root causes of conflicts in Nepali society have not been addressed and moreover shadowed, which are class, gender, ethnic, linguistic and geographical discrimination; poverty, huge discrepancy income, unemployment and widening gap between rich and poor; environmental degradation, devastation; rehabilitation, reculturation, reintegration, and so on.

The event for Mediation Sharing was organized by CS Center together with Pragma Foundation and Chelsea International. The **general objective** of the event was to contribute to conflict transformation and peace building in Nepal. The **specific objectives** were to share experiences of Professor Galtung from his 76 mediations, learn about TRANSCEND perspectives and find way out for sustainable peace in Nepal.

The event was organized as workshop consisting of talk by Professor Galtung, floor Sharing and dinner with social hour. Professor Galtung shared his vivid experiences and offered TRANSCEND perspectives for building peace in Nepal.

Initially, the number for participants was estimated to be around 50 consisting of representatives of UN Agencies/Missions, Diplomatic Missions, Donor Communities, Talks Team Members, Academia, Media, Peace Workers, Young People, members of peace-talks, and so forth. But, many wanted to be present as the news that Professor Galtung would be there to share his experiences and it was unable to control the masses and so there were more than 350 participants.