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America Nepal Women Association of Greater Washington DC (ANWA) would like to extend our warmest congratulations to the remarkable women in Nepali History. This year we have many reason to celebrate womanhood. At times we felt that the 20-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action reminded us that that progress has been slow and uneven.

After a long wait, we Nepali women have many reasons to celebrate. Nepal's parliament has elected women rights campaigner **Bidhya Devi Bhandari** as its first female president. Speaker of Parliament, **Onsari Gharti Magar**, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, **Sushila Karki**, and the two judges in the Supreme Court, **Sapana Pradhan Malla** and **Meera Maiya Khadka**. Similarly, **Ms. Bandana Rana** of Nepal has been elected as one of the 11 new members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) at the election held at the 19th meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women. She was elected with the sixth highest votes (106 out of 189). This is the first time that a Nepali national has been elected to the Committee.

ANWA would like to congratulate and honor these ladies and want to show its solidarity to women's right in Nepal. We wish all of them a successful tenure in their position and ANWA vows solidarity for gender equality and women's empowerment.

Thank you!

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