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CHRGJ to Address Critical Gaps in New Constitution at the CCD
Event Will Discuss Ending Caste Discrimination and Ensuring Human Rights

(Kathmandu, March 17, 2010)—Critical gaps in proposals for Nepal’s new Constitution will be addressed at the Centre for Constitutional Dialogue (CCD) on March 19, 2010, announced the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (CHRGJ) today. Staff from CHRGJ—which is based at New York University School of Law in the United States—are currently in Nepal and will present key findings from CHRGJ’s recently released report, [*Rights Within Reach: Securing Equality and Human Rights in Nepal’s New Constitution*](#). The report was drafted in consultation with Nepalese Dalit rights advocates, including the Dalit NGO Federation (DNF) and the Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO).

Rights Within Reach analyzes Constituent Assembly Thematic Committee concept papers and provides Nepalese lawmakers with a roadmap for a Constitution that will guarantee human rights on paper and in practice, including for Nepal’s most marginalized people. This includes recommendations for translating Nepal’s commitment to eradicating caste-based discrimination against Dalits—a group that has faced more than 2,000 years of systematic exclusion and discrimination—into reality.

What: “Rights Within Reach: Closing Critical Gaps in the New Constitution.”

Where: Centre for Constitutional Dialogue (CCD), 4th Floor, Alfa Beta Complex, Buddhanagar

When: March 19, 4:00-6:30pm

CHRGJ representatives are available for interview and comment during and after their trip to Nepal.

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