



**EUROPEAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION
NEPAL Constituent Assembly Election 2008**

EU Election Observers Strongly Condemn Shooting of Candidate

Kathmandu 20 March 2008 – The EU Election Observation Mission to Nepal strongly condemns the shooting of Kamal Prasad Adhikari, a Constituent Assembly candidate for the National People’s Front of Nepal, in Banke.

“I am extremely troubled by this tragic event and pass my sincere condolences to the victim’s family,” said EU EOM Chief Observer Jan Mulder, who is visiting Nepalgunj in Banke district today. “The EU observation mission deplores violence. It has no place at all in a democratic election.”

Mr Mulder opened the EU Election Observation Mission on Tuesday at a press conference in Kathmandu. 120 observers from 22 different EU countries will be deployed all over Nepal and the mission will stay in the country for several weeks after the election.

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