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Kathmandu, October 23: Prime Minister and chair of the NRA Steering Committee Pushpa Kamal Dahal has approved the Terms of Reference for the Development Assistance Coordination and Facilitation Committee (DACFC) provisioned in the NRA Act.

Accordingly, the DACFC would be headed by the Chief Executive Officer of the NRA and would include members from different donor countries and agencies. The committee will also include members from the NGO Federation and the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industries, among others.

An unofficial translation of the ToR of the DACFC is reproduced below:

ToR of the Development Assistance Coordination and Facilitation Committee

The NRA has formed a Development Assistance Coordination and Facilitation Committee (DACFC) under the Act made to Provide for Reconstruction of Earthquake Affected Structures 2072, Section 20 and finalized its Terms of Reference (TOR), which is as follows:

A. Formation of the DACFC

As provided by the law, the DACFC will have the following 11 members

1. Chief Executive Officer, NRA
2. Representative, Government of India
3. Representative, Government of the People's Republic of China
4. Representative, The World Bank
5. Representative, Asian Development Bank
6. Two representatives of international development partners recommended by the Nepal-based International Development Partners Group
7. Chairperson or representative of the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FNCCI)
8. Chairperson or representative of the NGO Federation of Nepal
9. Chairperson or representative of the Association of International NGOs (AIN)
10. Secretary, NRA (Member Secretary)

Invitees:

1. Secretary or representative, Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers
2. Secretary or representative, Ministry of Finance
3. Secretary or representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
4. Secretary or representative, National Planning Commission
5. Financial Comptroller General or a representative of the Financial Comptroller General's Office (FCGO)

The committee can invite officials or members from the Advisory Council, Steering Committee or the Executive Committee of the NRA and other individuals and representatives of organizations, as required.

B. Statement of responsibilities

The functions, duties and authority of the committee will be as follows:

1. To ensure necessary coordination and facilitation of the reconstruction work supported by national and international development partners and civil society and being carried out through development assistance.
2. To encourage national and international development partners, and civil society organisations willing to support Nepal, for the purpose of mobilizing financial and technical support for reconstruction of infrastructures affected by the earthquake, and for the resettlement of families affected by the earthquake
3. Provide advice and recommendations to the Government of Nepal, NRA and other development organizations and agencies by monitoring and reviewing progress for making reconstruction and rehabilitation activities being carried out through development assistance more effective and transparent
4. Take necessary measures to ensure uniformity and avoid duplication in the implementation of reconstruction and rehabilitation programs carried out with development assistance
5. To undertake or cause to be undertaken activities as directed by the Advisory Council, Steering Committee and Executive Committee for making reconstruction and resettlement related programs supported by development assistance effective.

C. The Committee can decide and prepare its own rules for the conduct of business. Similarly, the committee can form sub-committees and task forces for carrying out its work.

D. The Policy, Plans and Monitoring and Development Assistance Coordination Division will serve as secretariat for the Committee.