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Title | Titulo | Titre:

Resolution on Youth Mobilisation, Digital Freedoms and Political Accountability in Nepal

**Organization | Organización |
Organisation:**

Nepal Student Union

Country | País | Pays:

Nepal

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4 Acknowledging that youth constitute a significant proportion of Nepal's population, and
5 that young people are increasingly politically aware, digitally connected and demanding
6 dignity, transparency and accountability.

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8 In September 2025 in Nepal, large-scale youth-led protests, driven by what has been
9 called the "Gen Z" movement, were triggered by a sweeping government ban on
10 dozens of social media platforms, in a context of widespread dissatisfaction with
11 corruption, nepotism and limited economic opportunities for young people.

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13 Concerned by reports of the heavy use of force by security services, fatalities and
14 mass unrest, which underline the urgency of addressing the structural grievances of
15 youth, and protecting their civic and digital rights.

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17 Recognising that youth activism is a positive indicator of democratic engagement, but
18 that without effective response it can lead to instability, repression or co-optation.

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20 Reaffirming IUSY's commitment to youth empowerment, digital rights, participatory
21 democracy, and anti-corruption measures.

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23 Operative Clauses:

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25 1. Condemns any disproportionate use of force, arbitrary restriction of civic space or
26 digital shutdowns as a means of silencing youth voices or political dissent.

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29 2. Calls upon the government of Nepal and all political actors to immediately:

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- 32 0. Remove any remaining or future undue restrictions on social media, online
33 communication platforms and digital expression of youth;
34 0. Conduct a full, independent, transparent investigation into allegations of
35 excessive use of force, including killings and injuries of youth protesters, and
36 ensure accountability for perpetrators;
37 0. Establish meaningful youth-participatory mechanisms for policy-making on
38 digital rights, employment, education and governance reform.

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41 3. Urges the government to adopt a youth-centred agenda addressing:

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- 44 0. Economic opportunity and decent work for young people, especially given high
45 youth unemployment and under-employment;
46 0. Structural reform to combat corruption, nepotism and elite capture, which youth
47 protests have highlighted as key impediments to their future;
48 0. Strengthening of digital literacy, safe online engagement and inclusion of youth
49 from marginalised and rural communities.

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51 4. Encourages IUSY and its Asia-Pacific members to:

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- 54 0. Exchange experiences of youth movements, digital mobilisation and
55 participatory democracy across countries, to build stronger networks of young
56 socialists working for digital rights and good governance;
57 0. Provide solidarity to Nepali youth activists, including platforms for their voices,
58 training in democratic organising, and cross-border campaigns on digital
59 freedom;
60 0. Lobby regional and global bodies (e.g., United Nations Human Rights Council,
61 Amnesty International) to monitor compliance with youth and digital rights
62 standards in South Asia.

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64 5. Requests that IUSY adopt and incorporate in its Asia-Pacific strategy a “Youth
65 Digital Rights & Accountability” dimension, with particular focus on countries where
66 youth mobilisation is rising in response to governance deficit and digital repression.

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- 68 6. Affirms our solidarity with all young people in Nepal and the region who demand a
- 69 future of dignity, democratic participation, transparency and equal opportunity.

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