

## Science Council of Asia (SCA) Statement

On this date of May16<sup>th</sup> 2015,

The Science Council of Asia at its 15<sup>th</sup> Conference held at Siem Reap, Cambodia expressed its profound sadness at the unimaginable disaster caused by the massive earthquakes that occurred recently in the Kathmandu-Pokhara area of Nepal. It resolved to convey its condolences and sympathy to the Nepalese people for the colossal loss of life and infrastructure in their country.

We anxiously continue to monitor reports of the effects of earthquakes on Nepal and hope that these will soon subside with the minimum of adverse consequences. We are sure that the Nepalese government and the international community are involved in the recovery process and doing their best to alleviate the situation, a process which we realize is both challenging and enduring. We truly hope and pray that the people of Nepal, with utmost courage, solidarity and resilience, will recover resurge from their present hardships and achieve normality in the very near future.

We, the SCIENCE COUNCIL OF ASIA (SCA), resolves to work with Nepal, its academy of sciences and other scientific institutions in the country and Asia to utilize all that science has to offer to effectively respond to the present crisis and to any future large-scale natural disasters that continue to threaten the safety of our peoples and societies.

**Siem Reap, 16 May 2015**