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FOREIGN MINISTER ADDRESSES THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Lyonpo Rinzin Dorje, Minister for Foreign Affairs, in his maiden statement at the 68th Session of the UN General Assembly on 30th September 2013, said that “the second parliamentary elections were yet another milestone on the path of democracy that Bhutan chose to undertake five years ago.” At the same time, he emphasized that democracy must go beyond elections and that Bhutan will continue to work towards strengthening democratic institutions and culture. Lyonpo underscored that democracy in Bhutan is irreversible and on a firm footing.
2. Speaking on the need for the United Nations to address contemporary challenges ranging from peace and security to development, Lyonpo called on the international community to make every effort to strengthen the role and efficacy of a United Nations that is just, democratic, representative, and allows space for its members, including its smallest, to participate fully in its work.
3. Lyonpo participated in the 12th Annual Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Group of Landlocked and Least Developed Countries earlier today, as well as in the 13th Annual Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Least Developed Countries on 27th September 2013. As a member of both groupings, Lyonpo emphasized the importance of international support and cooperation in enabling developing countries to succeed with their last mile efforts to achieve the MDGs. He said that the special needs and priorities of LDCs and LLDCs must be mainstreamed and adequately reflected in the Post-2015 Development Agenda.



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