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International Committee for October 17: Appointment of Jyoti Tuladhar

February 4, 2016, Pierrelaye, France — We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Jyoti Tuladhar to the International Committee for October 17. The Committee was established in 2008 to promote and support the observance of the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty, observed on October 17th each year, which is recognised as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty by the United Nations.

“I am delighted to welcome Jyoti as a member of the Committee,” said Donald Lee, President of the International Committee. “Her commitment to fight poverty through the promotion of gender equality and the economic empowerment of women in Nepal, in particular, has been impressive and has highlighted the need to support the important role of women in decision making at all levels. Her vast experience, which includes many years as an expert in the International Labour Organization, as well as her commitment to women’s rights will strengthen the Committee’s capacity to promote the spirit of October 17.”

Jyoti Tuladhar is an international consultant from Nepal, based in Portugal. She has worked at the policy and field level on women’s empowerment and development issues since 1990. She served as a gender expert with the International Labour Organization between 1999 and 2010 where she concentrated on promoting a Participatory Gender Audit Methodology Tool. Prior to joining the International Labour Organization, she worked on strengthening the capacity of local organizations/NGOs to deliver micro-credit to rural women in 28 districts of Nepal. She has taught in academic institutions in Nepal and the United States.

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The International Committee for October 17 was established in 2008 with the following goals: to promote the 17 of October as International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, as recognised by the United Nations, uniting those who are striving together to end poverty; to promote the observance of the 17 of October in its original spirit; and, to promote opportunities where people from a variety of backgrounds, including those whose lives are most difficult, can work together in the fight against extreme poverty as a violation of Human Rights.
(http://overcomingpoverty.org/article/international-committee-for-october-17)

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was first celebrated as the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty at a major public rally held on the 17 of October 1987 in Paris, where one hundred thousand people from all backgrounds responded to a call from Father Joseph Wresinski, founder of ATD Fourth World, to gather at the Plaza of Liberties and Human Rights. On this day, a declaration was engraved on a Commemorative Stone proclaiming that extreme poverty is a violation of human rights and affirming the need for all people to unite to ensure that these rights are respected.
(http://overcomingpoverty.org/article/history-of-october-17)

In 1992, the United Nations proclaimed the 17th of October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Since then, governments, local authorities, members of civil society and the private sector have recognized the importance of this International Day, which has become a key rallying point for a growing number of citizens and organizations from all backgrounds, in the fight to eradicate extreme poverty.
(http://www.un-documents.net/a48r183.htm)