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PRIME MINISTER

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

**INTER-MINISTERIAL POLICY COORDINATION ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

In order to further strengthen inter-Ministerial, inter-Agency **policy coordination, coherence and continuity on matters relating to foreign relations**, the following directives are to be implemented with immediate effect:

1. The formal channel of communication between the Royal Government of Bhutan and foreign governments, international, regional and other foreign organizations and entities shall continue to be the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).
2. Any policy interaction with foreign governments and entities, membership to international or regional organizations, becoming a signatory or acceding to a treaty or convention shall continue to be routed through the MFA.
3. Ministers, Government Secretaries, and Secretaries of Commissions shall obtain prior political clearance from the MFA for all foreign visits, whether bilateral to a country or countries or participation in multilateral or regional meetings or conferences.
4. MFA shall provide appropriate political briefings to RGOB delegations before such visits.
5. RGOB delegations on return shall provide, in a timely manner, to the MFA, written reports on the outcome and engagements of the visits.
6. Prior consultation with and endorsement of MFA shall continue to be obtained on proposals to host bilateral, regional or multilateral meetings in Bhutan, arising either out of membership obligations of an organization, or for enhancing the country's image and prestige or in order to promote RGOB's policy objectives.

  
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1. All Ministers
2. Dasho Zimpon to His Majesty the King
3. Dasho Secretary to HM the Fourth Druk Gyalpo
4. All Government Secretaries
5. All Secretaries of Commissions

