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Subject: Accreditations

- Appointment of H.E. Mr Sonam TSHONG as Head of Mission of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the European Union to replace H.E. Mr Sonam T. Ragbye
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With reference to the procedure agreed by exchange of letters on 3 and 9 November 1966, you are hereby informed that the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan intends to appoint H.E. Mr Sonam TSHONG as Head of Mission to the European Union to replace H.E. Mr Sonam T. Ragbye.

- Your tacit agreement will be assumed on 29 April 2012 unless you make specific objections by that date.

Please find attached a copy of the note verbale sent to the Commission by the Mission of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the European Union and the curriculum vitae of H.E. Mr Sonam TSHONG.

Uwe CORSEPIUS
Secretary-General

- note verbale
- curriculum vitae

NOTE VERBALE

The Mission of Bhutan to the European Union in Brussels presents its compliments to the European Commission - Protocol Service - and has the honour to inform that the Kingdom of Bhutan proposes to appoint Mr. Sonam Tshong as Head of Mission of the Mission of Bhutan to the European Union.

The Mission of Bhutan would be most grateful to receive the *agrément* of the European Union to the proposed appointment at an early date. A copy of Ambassador-designate Sonam Tshong's curriculum vitae is enclosed herewith.

The Mission of Bhutan takes this opportunity to inform that the Kingdom of Bhutan wishes to concurrently accredit Mr. Sonam Tshong as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Bhutan to Belgium, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Spain and Sweden.

The Mission of Bhutan to the European Union in Brussels avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the European Commission - Protocol Service-the assurances of its highest consideration.

CURRICULUM VITAE

- Current Post:** Director General, Department of SAARC and Regional Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, November 2008 -
- Previous Posts** Director , SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu, Nepal, June 2005 -Nov 2008
Head, Policy & Planning Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2002-2005
Executive Head, Bhutan Broadcasting Service, 1993-2000
Programme Officer, Royal Secretariat, 1988-1990
Zonal Planning Officer, Zone I, Chuka, 1987-1988
Planning Officer, Planning Commission, 1980-1987
- Important Assignments** Coordination of Bhutan's participation in 17th SAARC Summit in Maldives, November 2011
Coordination of Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bhutan's visit to 8 SAARC countries, 2010- 2011
Coordination of 16th SAARC Summit in Bhutan, April 2010
Delegate to 64 and 65th Session of the UN General Assembly, 2009-2010
Chair of SAARC Programming Committee, 2008 to 2011
Member of Joint Verification Team (JVT) with Nepal, 2001-2002
Coordinator of first National Report by Bhutan on to Committee on the Rights of Child (CRC), 2002
Establishment of National Television in Bhutan, 1998
Initiated National FM radio service, 1996-98
Chief Zonal Planning Officer, Zone I for 7th Five year Plan, 1987-88
Documentation of 5th Dzongkhag (District) Five Year Plan, 1985/86
- Personal Information** Date of Birth 7 December 1958
Place of Birth Punakha, Bhutan
Spouse Nima Zam
Children 4 (Two daughters and two sons)
- Education** MA (Dev. Studies), University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK, 1986
Bachelors, St Stephen's College, Delhi University, India, 1979
- Others** Member of Protocol Sub-Committee for Royal Wedding, 2011
Board Member, Bhutan Information, Communications and Media Authority (BICMA) from 2010 till date.
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