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Summary of Resolutions

Fifth Session of Third Parliament of Bhutan

1. Proceedings of the Opening Ceremony

The Fifth Session of the Third Parliament of Bhutan commenced on the 16th Day of the 4th Month of Iron Female Ox Year corresponding to 27th May 2021. The Opening Ceremony was graced by His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo with a Zhugdrel Phunsum Tshogpai Tendrel ceremony.

After the Speaker's Opening Address to the Parliament, the Opening Ceremony was concluded.

2. National Budget Report for the FY 2021-2022

The Finance Minister presented the Report on the Supplementary Budget Appropriation for the FY 2020-2021 and the National Budget Appropriation for the FY 2021-2022. The Economic and Finance Committee (EFC) during its review mainly focussed on the National Budget Allocation Theme, National Credit Guarantee Scheme (NCGS), Economic Contingency Plan, Improvement of Farm Road (GSB) and Education sector in the Budget, and submitted following important findings and recommendations:

 The theme for the National Budget Allocation for FY 2021-2022 is 'Sustained Economic Stability for a Resilient Economy'. In view of the current situation, the Committee submitted its appreciation to the Government for considering all aspects to sustain or withstand the economic activities in the country.

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- 2. While the establishment of the NCGS is noble and initiated timely for the economic growth in such a circumstance of Covid-19, the Banks could only approve 81 projects and of the 81 approved, most fall in the western region of the country. This might lead to regional imbalance in economic growth. The Committee recommended the Government to create extensive awareness on NCGS and put in place stringent measures for monitoring and loan recovery.
- 3. The Committee acknowledged the budget allocation under the agriculture sector for the enhancement of economic activities. As well, the farmers have come forward in the food production, both for local consumption and export. However, the farmers are not able to sell their produce in the market, conveniently. In this regard, the government should facilitate by improving supply chain management and logistics arrangements within the country.

Furthermore, during the pandemic, farmers cannot travel freely to high risk areas in the south and have to totally resort to agents for exports. When farmers' fate entirely rests on agents with little or no support from the Government, agents have every chance of manipulating volumes, qualities and prices. In this regard, the Committee recommended that the Government appoint dedicated farmers' representatives preferably agriculture or BAFRA personnel, to mediate and assure transparency and accountability in the exports.

4. In spite of the huge budget allocation for GSB, there are issues pertaining to quality of works, choices of road, budget shortages and monitoring of development activities by the concerned

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Considering the geo-climatic condition of that specific area and experts' recommendation, and most importantly, based on resource availability, the Gewogs should continue to decide whether or not to stick to GSB or choose black-topping or any other better methods.

5. While it is a commendable initiative to allocate a separate budget for the school stationeries amounting to Nu. 336 million for the FY 2021-2022, the ground issue is such that the allocated budget for the school stationery remains insufficient due to re-appropriation. Considering the fact that education needs utmost importance, the budget should be made dedicated under a capital head and be regulated strictly for the said purpose only. While ascertaining the support on the Supplementary Budget Appropriation of Nu. 2,783.703 million for the FY 2020-2021, and Annual Budget of Nu.80,483.150 million for the FY 2021-2022, all 37 Members present and voting unanimously adopted the budget along with the five recommendations submitted by the National Council.

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3. Introduction and Adoption of Bills

3.1 First and Second Reading of the Royal Bhutan Police (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021

The Member In-Charge of the Bill (Minister for Foreign Affairs - representing the Minister for Home and Cultural Affairs) moved the motion for the First and Second Reading of the Royal Bhutan Police (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021. The House following the deliberation referred the Bill to the Social and Cultural Committee for review, and to submit a review report thereof for the Third Reading in the Sixth Session.

3.2 First and Second Reading of the Biodiversity Bill of Bhutan 2021

The Member In-Charge of the Bill (Minister for Agriculture and Forest) moved the motion for the First and Second Reading of the Biodiversity Bill of Bhutan 2021. The House following the deliberation referred the Bill to the Environment and Climate Change Committee for review, and to submit a review report thereof for the Third Reading in the Sixth Session.

3.3 Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021

The Member In-Charge of the Bill (Minister for Finance) moved the motion for the First and Second Reading of the Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021. The House deliberated on the review report presented by the Legislative Committee for the Third Reading, and while ascertaining the support on the Bill, since the Money Bill has to be passed in the same Session, all 39

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Members present and voting supported in favour of the Bill and adopted the Bill.

Re-deliberation on the Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021 (19th Day of the 5th Month of the Iron Female Ox Year corresponding to 28th June, 2021)

The Member In-Charge of the Bill (Minister for Finance) moved the motion for the re-deliberation of the Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021. During the deliberation, Members submitted that as recommended by the National Council, it is imperative for the Government to propose amendment to the Section 46 (B) of the Public Finance (Amendment) Act of Bhutan 2012 within the tenure of this Government.

Moreover, submission was made that the Government should have submitted the Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021 as Financial Bill instead of Money Bill, considering its convenience during the enforcement. On that, the Minister for Finance clarified that some Sections have been inserted in the Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021 which would be enforced at a later time, and therefore there would be no issue and inconvenience on that part. The Minister also clarified that, as recommended by the National Council, the Government would submit the amendment of Section 46 (B) of the Public Finance (Amendment) Act of Bhutan 2012, in the winter Session.

The Minister for Finance further submitted that there was no need for any amendment with regard to Section 46 (A) of the Public Finance (Amendment) Act of Bhutan 2012. While ascertaining the

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support on the recommendation submitted by the National Council through the show of hands, the House could not secure majority support in favour of the recommendation, and therefore concluded the deliberation.

3.4 Customs Duty Bill of Bhutan 2021

The Member In-Charge of the Bill (Minister for Finance) moved the motion for the First and Second Reading of the Customs Duty Bill of Bhutan 2021. The House following the deliberation referred the Bill to the Legislative Committee, which the Committee reviewed, and submitted a report for the Third Reading. Following the deliberation, while ascertaining the support on the Bill, since the Money Bill has to be passed in the same Session, 32 voted "Yes", 1 voted "No" and 5 Abstained out of 38 Members present and voting and therefore adopted the Bill.

Re-deliberation on the Customs Duty Bill of Bhutan 2021(19th Day of the 5th Month of the Iron Female Ox Year corresponding to 28th June, 2021)

The Member In-Charge of the Bill (Minister for Finance) moved the motion for the re-deliberation on the five recommendations of the National Council in the Customs Duty Bill of Bhutan 2021. During the deliberation, Members submitted that the large imports would have huge impacts on the local industries. On that, some Members submitted that there is a need to have a choice of preference on the quality of goods while procuring and maintaining areas of competition as well. Following an extensive deliberation,

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the House with unanimous support through show of hands adopted the recommendations of the National Council on retaining 50% customs duty on betel nuts (Chapter 8) as per the existing Act, and 0 % customs duty on electric fence energizers (Chapter 85).

Subsequently, regarding the recommendations of the National Council on Chapter 20 (Fruit Juices), Chapter 22 (Water), and on retaining the customs duty as per the existing acts for local products under Chapter 50, Chapter 64, Chapter 71, Chapter 92 and Chapter 96, the House could not gather support in favour of the recommendations. Therefore, the House reached consensus to retain the same as it is in the Bill and concluded the deliberation.

4. Withdrawal of Bill

Motion for the withdrawal of Local Government (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021

The Member In-Charge of the Bill (Minister for Foreign Affairs -representing the Minister for Home and Cultural Affairs) moved the motion for the withdrawal of Local Government (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021. While ascertaining the support with the show of hands, the House unanimously supported in favour of the motion and therefore withdrew the bill.

5. Third Reading of the Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021

The Member In-Charge of the Bill (Chairperson of the Good Governance Committee/ Member from Dewathang- Gomdar

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 Constituency) moved the motion for the Third Reading of the Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021. The Member In-Charge of the Bill presented almost 53 Sections for amendment. On that, the House deliberated for four days and repealed 9 sections out of 53 sections. While ascertaining the support on 46 sections, 35 voted "Yes", 2 voted "No" and 3 Abstained out of 40 Members present and voting. Therefore, the House adopted the Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021 with majority support, and the Bill was referred to the National Council as per the Legislative Procedure.

6. Preferential Trade Agreement between the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Royal Government of Bhutan

The Member In-Charge of the Bill (Minister for Economic Affairs) moved the motion to ratify the Preferential Trade Agreement between the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Royal Government of Bhutan. While ascertaining the support, all 40 Members unanimously supported in favour of the motion and ratified the agreement.

7. United Nations Convention Against Corruption (Amendment)

The Member In-Charge of the Bill (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved the motion to ratify the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (Amendment). While ascertaining the support, 39 voted "Yes" and 1 Abstained out of 40 Members present and voting and ratified the agreement with majority support.

८. तत्त्रुग्।कुप्पान्वुर्द्दर चर्प्यादेन्।केश्वेरःकु्यावचःग्रुःचरःद ग्रद्यायःस्द्रम्गुःर्वेरम्। ग्रदःकुरोर्चेश्वर्रेर्द्याः

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8. Review Report on the Farm Shops

The Minister for Agriculture and Forests while presenting the report on the farm shops informed the House that the thorough review on the farm shops would be wiser once the pandemic situation in the country improves. On that, few Members submitted that, in lack of a written report and recommendations, it was inconvenient to deliberate. Further submission was made that a comprehensive review report thereof should be submitted in the next Session and the House directed that since the resolution had already been passed in the previous Session there was no need for further resolution.

9. Good Governance Committee's Review Report on the Anti-Corruption Commission's Annual Report 2019

The Chairperson of the Good Governance Committee (Member from Dewathang-Gomdar Constituency) presented the Good Governance Committee's Review Report on the Anti-Corruption Commission Annual Report 2019 along with five recommendations to the House as follows:

- 1. With increase in corruption cases over the period and to expedite the legal proceedings of the corruption cases before the Court, the Committee recommends to designate a separate Bench for Corruption cases.
- 2. As per Anti-Corruption Commission's Annual Report 2019, most corruption cases are non-compliance to Rules and Regulations and Rules and Regulations formulated are not in line with the mother Act. Therefore, the Committee supports the Commission's recommendation to endorse the Rules and Regulations by Parliament.

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- 3. As per the report, there are many cases of Assets not being restituted by the government in accordance with the Court judgment. Therefore, the Committee recommends the OAG to expedite the recovery of Assets.
- 4. Since most of the corruption is committed at the policy level and in the electoral system, the Committee recommends the Anti-Corruption Commission to conduct Corruption Risk Management for Policy and electoral system henceforth.
- 5. The current practice of freezing the properties pending the judgment has led to loss of property or income as neither the owners nor the state is allowed to utilize it. Therefore, the Committee recommends ACC and Judiciary to allow the frozen properties to be used during the interim period.

While deliberating on the recommendations, the House decided to change and insert "To designate a separate Bench for Corruption cases" at the end of first recommendation.

With ascertaining support on the second recommendation with the show of hands, the House could not secure majority support and therefore repealed the second recommendation. However, the third and fourth recommendations were adopted by the House.

With regard to the fifth recommendation, the House resolved that inserting New Sub-Section 4 after Sub-Section 3 under Section 104 and New Sub-Section 3 after Sub-Section 2 under Section 108 of the Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021

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would suffice and therefore repealed the recommendation. While ascertaining the support on three recommendations, all 37 Members present and voting unanimously adopted the recommendations, and was forwarded to relevant agencies, sectors and institutions for necessary implementation.

10. Royal Kasho on Joint Sitting

The Royal Assent is hereby granted to present the Performance Audit Report by the Public Accounts Committee for deliberation in the Joint Sitting of the Parliament on 21-22 June, 2021 during the 5th Session of the Third Parliament. Granted on 24th Day of the 4th Month of Iron Female Ox Year.

By warrant under His Hand

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11. Joint Sitting on the Performance Audit Review Report

The Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (National Council Member from Paro Dzongkhag,) presented the Review Report in two parts of which the first part consisted of the following sections:

1. Review Report of Performance Audit Report on Housing Development- Adequacy and Affordability

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- 2. Review Report of Performance Audit Report on Food Self-Sufficiency and Security
- 3. Review Report of Performance Audit Report on Review of Judiciary Systems and Practices
- 4. Review Report of Performance Audit Report on Urban Planning and Development in Thimphu Thromde.
- 5. Review Report of Performance Audit Report on Road Maintenance Works. The Committee presented a detailed report on the observations, deficiencies and recommendations on the Performance Audit Reports. In the second part, the Follow-up on Implementation Status of Resolutions of the Second Session of the Third Parliament was presented. Deliberating on each recommendation, the relevant ministries provided clarifications on the various issues and doubts raised by some Members, after which the committee submitted 15 recommendations as follows:

Chapter 1: Recommendations on Housing Development-Adequacy and Affordability under:

- 1. The Department of Human Settlement which is the Tenancy Authority should immediately come up with the central database for the housing inventory system.
- 2. Explore the establishment of a National Housing Finance Entity or mandate the financial institutions to develop and implement affordable financing schemes to promote home ownership and affordable housing.

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Chapter 2: Recommendations on Food Self-Sufficiency and Security:

- 1. Enhance market information, institutional market linkages and adequate post-harvest storage infrastructure.
- 2. Augment monitoring and technical support to farmers in achieving large scale production.
- 3. Provide adequate compensation to farmers against loss of crops to wildlife and natural disasters.
- 4. Government to develop a Road Map for Food Self-sufficiency & Security.

Chapter 3: Recommendations on Judiciary Systems and Practices:

- 1. In view of the increasing number of cases before the Dzongkhag Courts, appoint Drangpon Rabjams or Registrars in the Dzongkhag courts to reduce the workload of Drangpons and facilitate fair, timely and efficient trials.
- 2. Section 109 of CCPC provides a blanket right of appeal where either party abuses the system, harasses the party and floods the Appellate Courts with appeal cases. To streamline the appeal system, amend CCPC Section 109.1 with the additional clause as "if the grounds of appeal are specially mentioned".

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3. Notary services, though important, are not directly related to the Judiciary mandate. It consumes a substantial amount of time and resources, which otherwise can be devoted to adjudication of cases. In view of this, the Government must review delinking of Notary Public Office from the Judiciary.

Chapter 4: Recommendations on Urban Planning and Development in Thimphu Thromde:

- 1. Streamline the relevant laws and policies with different agencies to address the ambiguity surrounding urban planning and development.
- 2. Government to table the Spatial Planning Bill of 2019 at the earliest.
- 3. Need for a holistic Urban Planning and Development Framework for Bhutan.

Chapter 5: Recommendations on Road Maintenance Works:

- 1. Establish and institutionalize road asset and information management systems to enhance planning and prioritization of road maintenance.
- 2. Close monitoring and coordination to ensure the quality of roads are as per the Road Act and Guidelines.
- 3. Explore an appropriate mix of labor and equipment in the routine maintenance work to improve enabling working environment and cost effectiveness.

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On this, the House upon deliberation came up with 3 additional recommendations which were endorsed by the House with show of hands as follows:

- 1. Considering the difficulty faced by the people in particular from eastern and southern Dzongkhags in accessing High Court in Thimphu, Judiciary to extend services of High Court either through mobile Benches or permanent basis in each of the region.
- 2. Article 9(6) of the Constitution states that "The State shall endeavor to provide legal aid to secure justice, which shall not be denied to any person by reason of economic or other disabilities." Upholding the Constitutional provision, the Government to initiate the implementation of legal aid services.
- 3. Recognizing the challenges faced by the judiciary in providing effective services and difficulty in implementing the Judicial Service Act of Bhutan 2007, the House recommends the Judiciary to submit for an amendment of the Act to the Parliament. While ascertaining the support on these recommendations, 57 voted "Yes", 1 voted "No" and 3 Abstained out of 61 Members present and voting, and therefore adopted it with two-third majority votes.

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Subsequently, following Reports were declared in the House which will be deliberated in the winter Session:

- 1. Annual Audit Report 2020
- 2. Performance Audit Report on Ex-Country Travels (Short-term Trainings)
- Performance Audit Report on National Telecommunication
 Management, and the three Reports were referred to the
 Public Accounts Committee for review.

12. Royal Kasho for Joint Sitting

The Royal Assent is hereby granted for the conduct of Joint Sitting for the deliberation and voting on the Disputed Clauses on the Lhengye Zhungtshog Bill of Bhutan 2020 and Mines and Minerals Bill of Bhutan 2020 as per the Section 13 Article 8 of the Constitution of Kingdom of Bhutan. Granted on the 6th Day of the 1st Month of the Iron Female Ox Year.

By warrant under His Hand

Druk Gyalpo

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13. Joint Sitting on the Mines and Minerals Bill of Bhutan 2020

The two Houses could not reach a consensus on the Mines and Minerals Bill of Bhutan 2020 and a petition to convene a Joint Sitting was submitted to the Druk Gyalpo. Following the receipt of Royal Kasho a Joint Committee was formed. The Chairperson of the Joint Committee (Member from Athang-Thedtsho Constituency) reported that despite conducting 6 meetings, the Joint Committee could not come to a consensus and moved a motion for the deferral of Bill as per the Section 59 A (2) of the Legislative Rules of Procedure 2017.

After thorough deliberation, the Mines and Minerals Bill of Bhutan 2020 was deferred as per Section 59 A (2) of the Legislative Rules of Procedure 2017. The House was also reminded that no Bill of the same substance can be introduced in Parliament in that year and should the Bill be introduced in future, the Bill must be tabled as new Bill and follow all the Legislative Procedure.

१४. तज्ञुमामी'मिहेराम'न्रमहेराह्य ग्री'न्ध्र्य प्रेम १०१० ठव'सर स्वाप्त प्रवास

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14. Joint Sitting on Lhengye Zhungtshog Bill of Bhutan 2020

The two Houses could not reach a consensus on the Lhengye Zhungtshog Bill of Bhutan 2020 and a petition to convene a Joint Sitting was submitted to the Druk Gyalpo. Following the receipt of Royal Kasho a Joint Committee was formed. The Chairperson of the Joint Committee (Member of Drujegang-Tseza Constituency) and the Deputy Chairperson (National Council Member from Haa Dzongkhag) presented the 7 disputed clauses on which the Members opined various views and held an extensive deliberation. While ascertaining the support on 7 recommendations submitted by the Committee, 55 voted "Yes" and 4 Abstained out of 59 Members present and voting, and therefore passed the Lhengye Zhungtshog Bill of Bhutan 2020 with two-third majority votes.

15. Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021

The Member In-Charge of the Bill (Minister for Economic Affairs) moved the motion for First and Second Reading of the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2020 as an Urgent Bill considering the present situation of the nation. The House referred the Bill for review to the Legislative Committee following which the Chairperson of the Committee (Member from Bongo-Chapcha Constituency) presented the review report on the Bill. The Bill was then passed as an Urgent Bill with 33 "Yes" votes, 1 "No" vote and 1 "Abstain" vote out of 35 Members present and voting.

१८ तत्त्रुमा मी भ्रव क्रियामा लुट क्रियाया ग्री द्वार प्रीया १०१० ठव सर भ्रव प्रत्याया मार्य प्रायया स्थाप स्याप स्थाप स्याप स्थाप स्याप स्थाप स

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१५. तसुमामी नियासु न्यायहेंदा (यसे सूर्व) नुसुन्धमा ४०४१ उदायदी में स्राहेन।

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Re-deliberation on the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021 (20th Day of the 5th Month of Iron Female Ox Year corresponding to 29th June, 2021)

The Chairperson of the Legislative Committee (Member from Bongo-Chapcha Constituency) submitted that, after declaring the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021 as an Urgent Bill and having a thorough deliberation in the House, the Bill was referred to the National Council with amendments to 11 Sections. The Chairperson added that, while the National Council accepted the amendments to 11 Sections passed by the National Assembly, they submitted the Bill back to the National Assembly for redeliberation with additional amendment to 10 Sections and since the amendments are in addition to main provisions accepted earlier, the motion was moved to re-deliberate and adopt as the Committee has reviewed and agreed to the amendments.

Although there was no disagreement on the amendments to 10 Sections from the National Council, the House directed that the Bill be endorsed along with the 10 recommendations submitted by the National Council through voting. While ascertaining the support on the recommendations, 38 voted "Yes", 1 voted "No" and 1 Abstained out of 40 Members present and voting. Therefore, the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill 2021 was endorsed with two-third majority votes.

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16. Tax Bill of Bhutan 2021

The Member In-Charge of the Bill (Minister for Finance) moved the motion for First and Second Reading of the Tax Bill of Bhutan 2020 since it was related to the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021. The House then referred the Bill for review to the Legislative Committee after which the Chairperson of the Committee (Member from Bongo-Chapcha Constituency) presented the review report on the Bill. The Bill was then passed as a Money Bill with 33 "Yes" votes, 1 "No" vote and 2 "Abstain" votes from the total of 36 Members present and voting.

Re-deliberation on the Tax Bill of Bhutan 2021 (20th Day of the 5th Month of the Iron Female Ox Year corresponding to 29th June, 2021)

During the re-deliberation of the bill, the House directed that since the National Council has accepted the all the amendments made by the National Assembly on the Tax Bill of Bhutan 2021, there was no need for re-deliberation and endorsed the bill as money bill as before.

17. Re-deliberation on the Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan and the Green Climate Fund on the Privileges and Immunities of the Green Climate Fund

The Chairperson of the Environment and Climate Change Committee (Member from Bardo-Trong Constituency) submitted that the amendments from the National Council were mostly in the areas of translation and the recommendations were regarding १८. त्र्युग'गी'खव्य'ग्री'न्ध्रन'येग' २०२१ ठद'सदी'र्शेक्'र्हिन्

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correction of inconsistencies, harmonization and addition of few words and thus made not much difference to the meaning. A motion was moved for deliberation and adoption. After deliberation and clarifications provided by the Committee, the Bill was endorsed with simple majority support through the show of hands.

The House directed the term 'Convention' to be used consistently as "Agreement" as per the amendment. The House directed that the agreement would be submitted for Royal Assent as per the legislative procedure.

18. Motion

Motion to Review and Change Consolidated Contract Employees to Regular Contract

The Member from Maenbi-Tsaenkhar Constituency moved a motion to change the contract of the 4,622 consolidated contract employees to regular contract. After a thorough deliberation on the motion, it was endorsed with simple majority votes with 32 "Yes" votes, 3 "No" votes and 2 "Abstain" votes from the total of 37 Members present and voting.

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19. Question Hour

During the 5th Session, the Members raised 54 Oral Answer Questions and 12 Written Answer Questions to various Ministries on various important issues.

20. Concluding Ceremony.

On 30th June, 2021, the Speaker of the National Assembly and the Chairperson of the National Council accompanied by the Secretaries General of the two Houses received His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo from Entrance Gate 1. After the concluding address by the Speaker, the Members of Parliament offered prayers for the long life of His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo and successfully concluded the Fifth Session of the Third Parliament of Bhutan.



(Wangchuk Namgyel)

SPEAKER

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र्क्ष्मिन्यः म् यदःस्रान्यः तद्युयःसः र्ह्युयायः मानुरःमीः स्वरः तमा र्हुः त्याः विष् ग्रवर् दें वर्षु त्यु प्वहेव प्यति रगार्चिमा मी दे प्वाप्य प्व प्याप्य प्व प्याप्य प्याप्य प्याप्य प्रमाणि प्र त्वनः हुं र्षेत्।

१०. अहुमा'तर्जेवा'अईन्'रेमा

हीं तं. ४०४१ च. १ तपुः क्रूश. ४० मी. मीमालूरशः क्रूबाशायरीयः क्रूबाशार्यस ५८. मैज.लूटम.कूर्यमार्जपूर्याच्चात्रह्म. ट्रेजम. कूर्यमायट्याद्वेम.की. लूटम.विटार्चेट. केव र्कु मीयः मुण र्षेट्य र्केम्य प्यटमी र्स्ने र र्से द्रम्यते व्रट्णयः से द्रम्यतः यन्गान्देव'र्ये'क्रे'अर्केगः र्केंगवान्यन्द्वनः गन्व'त्रद्वेव'लु'लेववात्यवा र्केंगवान्द्र्यंवः मुका. क्रूचेका.मुरका.कि.मा. भहेंची.चर्चे.चपु. चोलल.चर्चर.सैज.चपु:सीज.जी. भ्री.क्रूचेका. मतः क्रुंग्रस्त्रहेन्स्रस्थः सहस्त्रह्ण्यः स्त्रह्णः सह्याप्तस्याव्य



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