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Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus on Saturday said if reforms could not be brought into the state structure, all efforts of the interim government would fall flat.

"We have no chance to fail (over reforms). We don't want to fail," he said at the first meeting of the National Consensus Commission with the political parties at Foreign Service Academy here this afternoon.About the overwhelming global support for the interim government, Prof Yunus said all countries - small, medium and big ones - have provided support for the Bangladesh interim government.

"Once we talk to them (global leaders), they ask what you seek, we will give all...we do not want to leave this opportunity," he said.Calling the reform proposals of the six reform commissions as valuable assets, the Chief Adviser said all should help the interim government implement the reform proposals.

Claiming that the United Nations (UN) has provided support for the government, Prof Yunus said the recent UN Fact-Finding report has changed the world revealing the atrocities of the ousted government.

Referring to his recent visit to Aynaghar, the secret torture cells, he said the Commission on the Inquiry of Enforced Disappearance has presented the experiences of the victims of the enforced disappearance in its report.He stressed the need to implement the reform proposals so that none can raise question about the next government which would be elected through national polls.So, the Chief Adviser said, the decision on reform proposals should be taken as soon as possible to start work on those.A BNP delegation, led by its Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir participated in the meeting. Representatives from other political parties also attended the meeting.

The chiefs of the six reform commissions were present at the meeting, too.On Thursday, the interim government formed the seven-member 'National Consensus Commission', led by Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus, to discuss with the political parties the recommendations of the six commissions aimed at reaching a consensus on a number of political, constitutional and electoral reform agenda.

The other members of the commission are Prof Ali Riaz, head of the Constitutional Reform Commission; Abdul Muyeed Chowdhury, head of Public Administration Reform Commission; Safar Raj Hossain, head of Police Reform Commission; Badiul Alam Majumder, head of Election Reform Commission; Justice Emdadul Haque, head of Judiciary Reform Commission; and Dr Iftekharuzzaman, head of Anti-Corruption Reform Commission.