Ministry of External Affairs

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Overview of Major Achievements during the month of July 2022

Diplomatic Engagements and other Interactions:

- **1. I2U2 Summit:** On July 14, PM participated in the first I2U2 Summit, held virtually, along with the Prime Minister of Israel, President of the UAE, and the President of the USA. The leaders discussed strategic areas of cooperation amongst I2U2 countries.
- **2. Russia:** PM held telephonic conversation with the President of Russia on July 1.
- **3. Netherlands:** PM held a telephone conversation with the Prime Minister of the Netherlands on July 13.
- **4. UN:** PM held a telephonic conversation with UN Secretary-General on July 29. PM urged the Secretary General to ensure an expeditious investigation into the July 26 attack on the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO), which led to the death of 2 Indian BSF personnel.
- 5. **Visit of high level delegations from Africa:** On July 19, the Vice President, along with EAM, met the Vice Presidents of Gambia, Mauritius and Zambia, and DPM and Foreign Minister of Namibia, who visited India during the month. On July 27, Vice President met a parliamentary delegation from Mozambique led by the President of the Assembly of the Republic of Mozambique, in New Delhi.
- **6. Singapore:** On July 6, EAM visited Singapore and held talks with the DPM, Finance Minister and the Defence Minister. Singapore's Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies Tharman Shanmugaratnam made a working visit to India from July 4-10, during which he called on the PM and also met EAM.
- 7. Namibia: The Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the Republic of Namibia Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah visited India on July 19-20, 2022. He called = on Vice President and also met EAM, Minister of MOEFCC. Three MOUs were signed: (a) MOU on Wildlife Conservation and Sustainable Biodiversity Utilization between India and Namibia (b) Agreement between Namibia and India on Agreement on Gainful Employment of Spouses and Dependents of Members of the Diplomatic Missions (c) MOU between National Forensic Science University (NFSU) of India and Namibian Police Forensic Science Institute (NPFSI).
- **8. G-20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting:** EAM paid an official visit to Bali, Indonesia on July 7-8 to participate in the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM). On the sidelines of the G20 FMM, EAM met with his counterparts from Singapore, Netherlands, South Korea,

USA, France, Russia, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Mexico, Argentina, South Africa, Senegal, Indonesia, China and the Prime Minister of Fiji.

- **9. SCO Foreign Minisers' Meeting:** EAM visited Uzbekistan from July 28-29 to attend the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting. On July 29, EAM called on the President of Uzbekistan along with his SCO colleagues.
- **10. Other engagements of EAM:** EAM's other engagements in July included his address at the Special Plenary of the 17th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Growth Partnership on July 19, his meetings with the Namibian Foreign Minister on July 20, with USAID Administrator in New Delhi on July 26, and his visits to the Passport Seva Kendra in Vazhuthacaud and the Protector of Emigrants Office on July 11. EAM held a telephone call with the Foreign Minister of the Central African Republic on July 25.
- 11. Engagements of MoS(VM): MoS (VM) delivered the Valedictory address at 17th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on July 20. On the sidelines of the Conclave, MoS (VM) met the Vice President of The Gambia, Cameroon's Minister Delegate to Minister of External Relations, and a delegation from Gabonese Republic. MoS (VM) also met with the visiting National Railways of Zimbabwe delegation on July 13.
- **12. Northeast India Festival in Thailand:** MoS (RRS) visited Thailand from July 29-31 to inaugurate and attend the second edition of the Northeast India Festival organised by the Northeastern states of India and our Embassy in Bangkok on July 30. During the visit, MoS (RRS) met the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand on July 29.
- **13. Other engagements of MOS(RRS):** On July 1, MoS (RRS) attended the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected President of the Philippines in Manila.
- **14. Engagements of MOS(ML):** On July 12, MoS (ML) met the Deputy Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan in New Delhi.
- **15. Engagements of FS:** On July 5, FS had a telephone conversation with the Deputy Minister for Political Affairs of Iran.
- **16. FOCs:** In July, Foreign Office Consultations (FoC) were held with the Dominican Republic, Fiji, Mozambique, Ghana, and Georgia.

Humanitarian Aid/Assistance:

17. Afghanistan: As part of the ongoing humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan, 3675 MTs of wheat was shipped from India to Afghanistan via Pakistan in July 2022. In continuation to this commitment, India and the UN World Food Programme (WFP) signed the fifth 'In-kind Contribution Agreement for the donation of next batch of 10,000 MTs of wheat to the People of Afghanistan. 11.5 tons of essential medicines were also sent to Afghanistan.

- **18. Nepal:** India gifted 75 ambulances, 17 school buses to Nepal, and also inaugurated 4 school buildings and 1 technical institute which were built with the grant assistance from Government of India. India also handed over 3000 tents and 10 motor inflatable boats in July.
- **19. Medicines and Lentil Seeds to Solomon Islands:** On 6 July 2022, medicines and lentil seeds gifted by Government of India were handed over to the Government of Solomon Islands.
- **20. Indelible ink to Papua New Guinea:** India donated 20,971 bottles of indelible ink for Papua New Guinea's general elections.

MOUs/Agreements:

21. Palm Oil: The Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) and the Indian Vegetable Oil Producers Association (IVPA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to cooperate further on palm oil use and development on July 28, 2022 in Kuala Lumpur on the side-lines of Malaysia International Agri-commodity Expo & Summit (MIACES) 2022.