

Joint Declaration of Intent
on Consultations between
the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India
and
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany
for the period 2020-2024

Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Sides") recall the successful conclusion of the previous Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs), Objectives of the Declaration on Strategic Partnership between the Republic of India and the Federal Republic of Germany since 2001.

Guided by the provisions of Inter-Governmental Consultation between India and Germany since 2011, both Sides seek to further strengthen the special strategic partnership and to enhance the cooperation between the Sides both on a bilateral basis, and within multilateral format, including in the framework on international and regional organisations and fora.

Therefore, the Sides have come to the understanding to extend the Joint Declaration of Intent on Consultations further and decided as follows:

1. The Sides will continue to hold regular consultations on the following topics:

- Issues of importance on bilateral cooperation (including inter-regional cooperation and international agenda), and Indo-German strategic cooperation in the international arena;
- UN issues and cooperation within other International organisations;
- Strategic stability, non-proliferation of WMD, disarmament; arms control;
- export control issues;
- Combating new emerging threats and challenges to global security and stability, foremost international terrorism (including UNCCIT), piracy, illegal drug trafficking and trans-border organised crime;
- Strategic priorities of foreign policy planning;
- Issues relating to cyber security;
- Regional/geographical consultations on European issues, issues concerning Africa.

2. The Sides will add regular consultations on the following topics:

- Regional/geographical consultations on issues concerning Indo-Pacific and Asia;
- Consular, legal administrative and protocol issues.

3. During the consultations, the Sides, upon mutual consent, may combine discussions on certain issues/topics as well as hold consultations on issues/topics not specified in this Joint Declaration of Intent.

4. The Sides will hold consultations on the aforementioned issues at the level of the Foreign Secretary/State Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Heads of relevant departments, Embassies in India and Germany as well as in the framework of inter-agency working group meetings. The Sides, upon mutual consent, may constitute expert groups on specific issues/topics.

5. Consultations will be held preferably once a year or as frequently as appropriate, in India and Germany alternately. If necessary, the Sides may hold extraordinary or urgent consultations on issues of mutual interest.

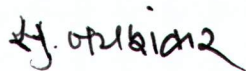
6. The Sides may hold consultations at the level of Diplomatic Missions in the third countries, including Permanent Missions to international organisations.

7. Consultations between the Sides may be held with participation of representatives of other agencies of the Sides.

8. The present Joint Declaration of Intent is not meant to constitute an international treaty and does not create any legally binding rights or obligations under international law.

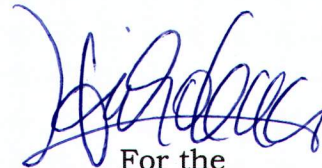
9. The present Joint Declaration of Intent will be applied from 1 January 2020 till 31 December 2024.

Signed in New Delhi on 1/11/..2019.



For the
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