

PROTOCOL
for Consultations between
the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India
and
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
for the period of 2019-2023

Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

proceeding from the successful implementation of the FOC signed for the period 2017-18, objectives of the Declaration on Strategic Partnership between the Republic of India and the Russian Federation of October 3rd, 2000,

guided by the provisions of the Intergovernmental Protocol for Indian-Russian Consultations of January 28th, 1993,

seeking to further strengthen the special and privileged strategic partnership and to enhance the cooperation between the Parties both on a bilateral basis and within multilateral format, including in the framework of international and regional organizations and fora,

have agreed to extend the Protocol on Consultations further and decided as follows:

1. The Parties will hold regular consultations on the following topics:

- 1.1 Issues of importance on bilateral cooperation (including interregional cooperation and international agenda), and Russian-Indian strategic cooperation in the international arena;
- 1.2 UN issues and cooperation within other international organizations;
- 1.3 Strategic stability, non-proliferation of WMD, arms control and export control issues;

- 1.4 Combating new emerging threats and challenges to global security and stability, foremost international terrorism, piracy, illegal drug trafficking and trans-border organized crime;
- 1.5 Issues of foreign policy planning;
- 1.6 Issues of international Cyber Security;
- 1.7 G 20 related issues;
- 1.8 Cooperation within the "Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa" format (BRICS);
- 1.9 Cooperation within the "Russia-India-China(RIC)" format;
- 1.10 Interaction within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO);
- 1.11 Issues concerning South Asia, Iran and Afghanistan;
- 1.12 Situation in Central Asia;
- 1.13 European issues;
- 1.14 Consultations on North America;
- 1.15 Issues of Middle East (West Asia) and North Africa;
- 1.16 Issues concerning Africa (South of the Sahara);
- 1.17 Issues concerning Latin America;
- 1.18 Issues of information support concerning foreign policy and media cooperation;
- 1.19 Consular issues;
- 1.20 Issues concerning diplomatic property.

During consultations, the Parties, upon mutual consent, may combine discussions on certain issues as well as hold consultations on topics not specified in this Protocol.

2. The Parties will hold consultations on the aforementioned issues at the level of the First Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Heads of relevant department, Embassies in India and Russia as well as in the framework of inter-agency working group meetings. The Parties, upon mutual consent, may constitute expert groups on specific issues.

Consultations will be held once a year, in India and Russia alternately. If necessary, the Parties may hold extraordinary or urgent consultations on issues of mutual interest.

3. The Parties may hold consultations at the level of Diplomatic Missions in the third countries, including Permanent Missions to international organizations.

4. Consultations between the Parties may be held with participation of representatives of other agencies of the Parties.

5. The present Protocol is not an international treaty and does not create any rights or obligations under international law.

6. The present Protocol will be applied from January 01st, 2019 till December 31st 2023.

Signed in New Delhi on October 05, 2018, in two originals, each in the English and Russian languages.

**For the
Ministry of External Affairs
of the Republic of India**



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