

## INDIA-U.S. COUNTERTERRORISM COOPERATION INITIATIVE

1. India and the United States are transforming their relationship to reflect their shared principles, approaches and global interests. As the world's two largest democracies, the two countries recognize the vital importance of political and economic freedom, individual rights, democratic institutions and the rule of law.

2. In recent years, changes in the international security environment have challenged the two countries and the rest of the world. Terrorism and transnational crimes are threats to our two countries and the world community. India and the United States reaffirm their determination to fight terrorism and transnational crime in all their forms and manifestations and prevent the continued growth of terrorist organizations. The Governments of India and the United States seek to further enhance their cooperation in counterterrorism as an important element of their bilateral strategic partnership. In pursuit of this shared objective, the two countries intend to:

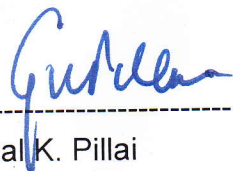
- A. strengthen capabilities to effectively fight against terrorism, and promote exchanges regarding modernization of techniques to combat terrorism;
- B. share best practices on issues of mutual interest such as effective use of technology and policing in mega-cities;
- C. develop investigative skills related to sensitive site exploitation;
- D. promote cooperation between their forensic science laboratories, and training institutions;
- E. establish procedures to provide mutual investigative assistance and to share expertise when requested in the aftermath of terrorist incidents;
- F. exchange best practices on mass transit and rail security;
- G. strengthen cooperation towards enhancing capabilities to act against money laundering, counterfeit currency and financing of terrorism;
- H. implement requests under the existing mutual legal assistance and extradition treaties in a more timely and streamlined fashion;



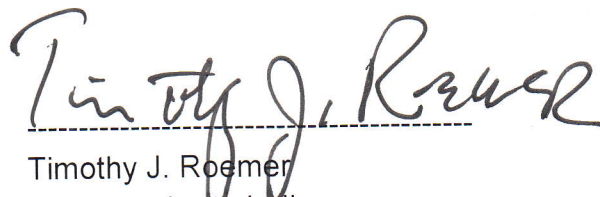
- I. increase exchanges between coast guards and navies on maritime security and to promote cooperation in addressing maritime threats, including piracy and terrorism;
- J. exchange experience and expertise on port and border security;
- K. enhance the liaison and training between specialist counterterrorism units, including the National Security Guard (NSG) and appropriate U.S. counterparts;
- L. share best practices and further develop capabilities to prevent weapons of mass destruction from falling into the hands of terrorist groups and other illegal networks;
- M. expand joint research and development in the area of security technology;
- N. enhance information collection, intelligence sharing and analysis capabilities, including provision for more robust exchanges on activities of terrorist and extremist groups;
- O. strengthen cooperation in the field of cyber security; and
- P. exchange best practices on cooperation among security stakeholders.

3. Consistent with the goals of the Strategic Dialogue, India and the United States reaffirm their intention to promote greater mutual understanding and cooperation between their Governments to combat terrorism. The Counterterrorism Joint Working Group (CTJWG) within the Strategic Dialogue process should continue to serve as the primary mechanism to guide the India-U.S. counterterrorism relationship.

Signed at New Delhi in duplicate, July 23, 2010.



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