

In the past few decades India has focused on bettering our relationships with fellow nations. Our MO has been to follow the guidelines of an agreement with China which espouses five main sentiments: “mutual respect for each other’s territorial integrity and sovereignty, mutual non-aggression, mutual non-interference in each other’s internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence”. Though the agreement was specific to China at the time, our nation has striven to apply its principles to our interactions with all other states.

However, in recent years we have suffered under the aggression of militant Islamist groups who take advantage of our willingness to forge new economic and cultural ties with the nations in which they reside. India has dedicated itself to peaceful interactions, and we are committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan through dialogue. We look forward to building upon the progress made so far whilst remaining cognizant of the need for Pakistan to take credible action against terrorist groups and the related infrastructure on its soil. The bomb blasts on July 13, 2011 in Mumbai and September 7, 2011 in Delhi were a grim reminder that terrorist modules continue to be active in the country. In 2011, eighteen terrorist modules were neutralized. The National Intelligence Grid and the National Counter Terrorism Centre aim to improve India's capability to counter internal security threats. Furthermore, we will investigate any terrorist attack in light of historical precedent, and will not fail to act against any external state harboring a terrorist threat to our nation. We will not hesitate to retaliate in kind if our security is threatened in any way, especially in consideration of the many gracious concessions we have granted in the past. As with any state, the safety of our citizens is our top priority, and we are ready to employ any resources in our arsenal if provoked.

India supports the goals of the NPT, but we believe that the political persuasions of a few nations should not govern the actions of the majority. As one of the most populous states we deserve to be represented accordingly in the international arena. We graciously applaud those nations that have put forth an effort to bring our involvement to fruition; however, as a nation with historically tumultuous relations with neighboring states, we cannot compromise our national safety to partake as a non-nuclear player, especially while Pakistan remains a non-signatory. Additionally, as an active participant of the treaty, India would stabilize the region and would act as a balancing power within the eastern hemisphere.

India seeks to continue friendly relations with Iran and hopes to maintain our steady economic ties. We are supportive of an Iranian program that promotes economic vitality, but we are cautious of any development of nuclear weaponry in light of the world’s movement towards nuclear disarmament. With this aim in mind India hopes to reduce its dependence on nuclear weaponry while exploring alternative forms of defense with the help of other great nations. In line with the values and teachings of Vishnu, we move forward in the full spirit of reciprocity.

We are presenting a new template of a society where livelihoods can be secured for millions of underprivileged and the aspirations of our youth for a better life can be met; a society where massive developmental projects do not impinge on the security of the ecology and environment; a society that is open, democratic

and transparent, but where national security is always paramount. We hope you, the great states, will participate in the successful development of our treasured homeland, India.