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Joint United States-India Statement on the India-US Joint Working Group on Counterterrorism

Following is the text of a joint statement issued by the United States and India at the conclusion of the India-US Joint Working Group on Counterterrorism.

BEGIN TEXT:

The 7th meeting of the India-US Joint Working Group on Counterterrorism, which was established in 2000, was held in Washington on April 19-20, 2006. The Indian delegation was led by Ambassador K.C. Singh, Additional Secretary (International Organizations), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The U.S. delegation was led by Ambassador Henry Crumpton, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State. A list of the delegations is attached.

The discussions advanced US-India cooperation in areas of common concern such as bioterrorism, aviation security, advancements in biometrics, cyber-security and terrorism, WMD-terrorism, terrorist finance and money laundering and violent extremism. Both sides agreed to share information on a real time basis, respond to counterterrorism assistance requests expeditiously and collaborate to upgrade preparedness and capability to deal with acts of terrorism. Joint counterterrorism exercises will be scheduled and specific training programs in priority areas developed. The delegations also focused on improving the current mechanisms for extradition and legal cooperation.

The two sides agreed that the next session of the Joint Working Group would be held in New Delhi later this year.

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