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PLURILATERAL GROUPINGS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the new Plurilateral groupings joined by India since, 2014; and
- (b) the initiatives piloted by India since 2014 and benefits thereof?

ANSWER

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- (a) The details of prominent plurilateral groupings joined by India since 2014 are placed at Annexure-I.
- (b) India has consistently piloted new initiatives at these plulirateral groupings to promote India's engagements at bilateral, regional and global level. Such initiatives have been used to not only speak for India but as the voice of peace, security and prosperity for all. Understandings reached through these initiatives have enabled India to strengthen relations with partner countries and put forward India's viewpoint and shape the agenda on global issues such as reformed multilateralism, peace and security, climate change, transnational crime, terrorism, cyber-security, energy and food security, etc. These initiatives also offer the world India's own unique solutions to partners for addressing global issues, like the International Solar Alliance and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. The understandings/agreements reached therein enable India to strengthen relations with partner countries across a wide range of sectors including trade & investment, technology and defence collaboration. Such outcomes also contribute to India's national development agenda to promote economic growth and well being of our people and put forward the interests of developing countries in forums like G20.

Annexure-I

Sl. No.	Plurilateral groupings joined by India since 2014	Details
1.	International Solar Alliance	Launched in November 2015
2.	Missile Technology Control Regime	India joined in June 2016
3.	Hague Code of Conduct	India joined in June 2016
4.	Shanghai Cooperation Organization	India joined as a Member State in 2017
5.	Moscow Format on Afghanistan	Instituted in 2017
6.	Wassenaar Arrangement	India joined in December 2017
7.	Australia Group	India joined in January 2018
8.	India- Nordic Summits	First India-Nordic Summit in 2018
9.	Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan.	Instituted in 2018
10.	Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure	Launched in September 2019
11.	Leadership Group on Industry Transition	Launched in September 2019
12.	Ayeyawady - Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy	India joined as a development partner in 2019
13.	Indian Ocean Commission	India joined as an Observer in March 2020
14.	Quad	First virtual Leaders' Summit in March 2021
15.	India-France-Australia Trilateral Cooperation	1st India-France-Australia Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue was held on 4 May 2021.
16.	I2U2	The I2U2 Grouping was conceptualized during the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the four countries held on 18 October 2021.
17.	First Movers Coalition	India joined in May 2022
18.	Indo-Pacific Economic Framework	Launched in May 2022

19.	Indonesia Malaysia Thailand Growth Triangle	India joined as a development partner in July 2022
20.	India-Australia-Indonesia Trilateral Cooperation	The 1st India-Australia-Indonesia trilateral Foreign Ministers meeting took place in September 2022.
21.	Mission LiFE	Launched in October 2022
22.	Mangrove Alliance for Climate	India joined in 2022
23.	International Year of Millets 2023	United Nations, at the behest of the Government of India, declared 2023 the International Year of Millets.
24.	Voice of Global South Summit	The 1st VOGSS was held on 12-13 January, 2023.
25.	India-Central Asia JWG on Afghanistan	Instituted in March 2023
26.	International Big Cat Alliance	Launched by India in April 2023
27.	Mineral Security Partnership	India joined in June 2023
28.	Artemis Accords	India joined in June 2023
29.	Mineral Security Partnership	India joined in June 2023
30.	Global Biofuel Alliance India	Launched in September 2023
31.	India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor	Announced in September 2023
32.	Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence	India is founding member and hosted the GPAI summit in December 2023.
33.	Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate	India joined in December 2023
34.	Global Green Credit Initiative	Launched in December 2023
35.	Global River Cities Alliance	Launched in December 2023
36.	Combined Maritime Forces	India joined as a full member in 2023
