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INDO-CHINA DISCUSSION AT FOREIGN MINISTERS LEVEL

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

- (a) the details of the talks held recently between External Affairs Minister and his Chinese counterpart on the sidelines of G20 Summit in Rio in Brazil;**
- (b) whether talks on resumption of direct flights between India and China were discussed and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for boosting people-to-people exchanges between the two countries?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to c) External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr. S. Jaishankar met the Chinese Foreign Minister Mr. Wang Yi on 18 November 2024 in Rio de Janeiro on

the sidelines of the G20 Summit. The Ministers recognized that the disengagement in our border areas had contributed to the maintenance of peace and tranquility. They discussed the next steps in India-China relations in line with the way forward agreed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the 16th BRICS Summit at Kazan on 23 October 2024. It was agreed that a meeting of the Special Representatives and of the Foreign Secretary-Vice Minister mechanism will take place soon. Among the steps discussed were the resumption of Kailash Manasarovar Yatra pilgrimage, data sharing on trans-border rivers, direct flights between India and China, and media exchanges. They also discussed regional and international issues of common interest.
