

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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ADOPTION OF “FOCUS ON INDIA” DOCUMENT BY GERMAN CABINET

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

(a) whether ‘Focus on India’ document was adopted by the German Cabinet, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the extent to which the above document would help India;

(c) whether Inter-Governmental Consultations between two countries were held in October last year; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) Yes. German Cabinet adopted 'Focus on India' document on 16 October 2024. The document outlines a comprehensive strategy for deepening Germany's strategic partnership with India, emphasizing India's role as a democratic partner for stability and security in a shifting global landscape. It also highlights intensifying security cooperation, Green and Sustainable Development Partnership, economic, trade and agricultural cooperation, science and technology and academic linkages, multilateral cooperation, intensifying exchange across society as a whole including parliamentary contacts, skilled immigration, and overall relations of India with the EU.

(b) The document highlights the intention of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to focus on its relationship with India, identifying India as the partner of choice for Germany. Both sides are celebrating the 25th year of Strategic Partnership in 2025 and have intensified cooperation across various sectors ranging from trade and investments, defence and security, science and technology, education and mobility, culture and people-to-people ties. During the year 2023-24, Indo-German trade recorded highest ever figures with 33.5 billion USD. Around 50 thousand Indian

students studying in Germany, a number which has doubled in the last 5 years, are now the largest cohort of foreign students in Germany.

(c) & (d) Yes. The 7th Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC) was held on 25 October 2024 in New Delhi, during the visit of Chancellor Olaf Scholz of Germany. The IGC plenary chaired by PM and Chancellor Olaf Scholz was preceded by focused Ministerial tracks on Foreign Policy & Security; Economy and Commerce; Green and Sustainable Development Partnership, Critical and Emerging Technologies and Innovation; Mobility and People-to-People ties; and Science and Technology. IGC Plenary and Ministerial meetings took stock of various aspects of our Strategic Partnership and discussed way forward in further deepening and diversifying the same. There were substantive outcomes in the areas of new and emerging technologies, defence & security, economy and trade, clean and green energy, health, triangular development cooperation, skilling, education & research, urban mobility, startups, environment among others. The complete list of outcomes of the 7th IGC is enclosed.

Annexure-I

List of Outcomes of the 7th India – Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations

[25 October 2024, New Delhi]

I. DOCUMENTS CONCLUDED

S.No.	Documents	Areas
1.	Roadmap on Innovation and Technology	New and Emerging Technologies
2.	Launch of Green Hydrogen Roadmap document	Green Energy
3.	Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) in Criminal Matters	Security
4.	Agreement on the Exchange and Mutual Protection of Classified Information (Initial)	Security
5.	JDI on Green Urban Mobility Partnership-II	Urban Mobility
6.	JDI on 2+2 Calls for Advanced Materials under IGSTC	Science & Technology
7.	MoU between Max-Planck-Gesellschaft e.V. (MPG) and International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS), Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)	Science & Technology
8.	MoU between Max-Planck-Gesellschaft e.V. (MPG) and 12th National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)	Science & Technology
9.	JDI on Innovation and Incubation Exchange Programme between DST and German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)	Start-ups
10.	MoU between Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) and	Environment & Science

	German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ) on Disaster Mitigation	
11.	MoU on Polar and Ocean Research between National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) and Alfred-Wegener Institute Helmholtz Zentrum fuer Polar and Meeresforschung (AWI)	Environment & Science
12.	JDI for Collaborative Research and Development in Infectious Disease Genomics between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR – IGIB) and Leipzig University	Health
13.	JDI for the partnership on Mobile Suitcase Lab for Diagnostic purposes between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR – IGIB), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Leipzig University and Industry partners in India	Health
14.	JDI on India-Germany Managerial Training Program (IGMTP)	Economy & Commerce
15.	MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Skill Development and Vocational Education and Training	Skill Development
16.	Joint Declaration of Intent of Labour and Employment	Labour & Employment
17.	JDI between IIT Kharagpur and German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to implement co-funded Joint Research Programme ‘German India Academic Network for Tomorrow (GIANT)’	Education & Research
18.	Memorandum of Agreement between IIT Madras and TU Dresden to establish an intensified partnership known as ‘TransCampus’	Education & Research

II. KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

19.	Placing a German Liaison Officer in the IFC-IOR
20.	German support for India's Observer status in the Eurodrone programme
21.	German projects and funding commitment of 20 Mn Euros under Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)
22.	Establishing Regional Consultations between the Foreign offices of India and Germany (Africa, West Asia and North Africa)
23.	Millet related Pilot projects in Madagascar and Ethiopia and full scale projects in Cameroon, Ghana and Malawi under Triangular Development Cooperation (TDC) framework
24.	Launch of GSDP Dashboard
25.	Establishment of first International Research Training Group between India and Germany

III. Events

26.	Holding of the 18th Asia-Pacific Conference of German Business (APK 2024)
27.	Holding of a Defence Round Table on the sidelines of the APK 2024
28.	Indo Pacific Deployment of German Naval ships: Joint exercises between Indian and German Navies and Port calls of German ships in Goa
