

## INDIA-US STRATEGIC DIALOGUE ON BIOSECURITY

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### **ABSTRACT:**

The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security (“the Center”) proposes to extend its Track II strategic dialogue on biosecurity between the United States and India into a fourth year. India faces security risks of US concern, including the border conflict with Pakistan and regional terrorist interest in nuclear and biological weapons. Considering the productivity of bilateral engagement in Years 1, 2 and 3, this dialogue will yield the most informative results if its support continues. As participants develop trusted relationships, we expect issues raised to be valuable in Track I engagement.

The objective of this dialogue would be to build on progress made in the previous dialogues to address biosecurity threats, such as misuse of biological materials (intentional or accidental), dual-use research of concern (DURC), public health and healthcare preparedness, and infectious diseases with pandemic potential. Participants will meet in Washington, D.C. convening policymakers, thought-leaders, security experts, and scientists to create productive relationships and a deeper understanding of each other’s concerns and efforts to address them. Through these relationships, the dialogue endeavors to reduce biosecurity threats and mitigate crises that may emerge in the United States and India.

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