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INDIA-US-STRATEGIC DIALOGUE ON BIOSECURITY – YEAR 2

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security (formerly UPMC Center for Health Security) proposes extending its Track II strategic dialogue on biosecurity between the US and India into a second year. India faces multiple security risks of concern to the US, including the ongoing border conflict with Pakistan and regional terrorist interest in nuclear and biological weapons.

Considering the enthusiasm amongst participants in Year 1, the dialogue will yield informative results if it is extended. As participants develop trusted relationships, they will become more forthright as relationships solidify over time. If things go well over time, it is hoped that issues are raised that will be valuable in moving toward a Track I engagement.

Year 2 will build on this year's progress and address biosecurity threats to India and the US, such as misuse of biological materials (intentional or accidental), dual-use research, and infectious diseases with pandemic potential. The Center will convene two meetings—one in Washington, DC and one in New Delhi—bringing together influential policymakers, thought-leaders, security experts, scientists, and other biosecurity experts to create enduring, productive bilateral relationships and a deeper understanding of respective biosecurity concerns and efforts to address them.

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