ABSTRACT:

Close coordination between India and the United States will be essential to assuring stability in the Indo-Pacific region as regional states’ nuclear capabilities expand; power transitions challenge existing territorial, legal, and strategic arrangements; and old rivalries continue to simmer. The United States and India have therefore continued to pursue their burgeoning strategic partnership, which is undergirded by an increasingly robust foundation of diplomatic and security cooperation. This project will convene a small group of Indian and American experts to explore ways in which the two countries can further deepen and diversify Indo-U.S. strategic cooperation. The dialogue will benefit from the principle investigator’s decade of experience holding such meetings. Each year, as familiarity and trust has increased, participants have proven more willing to discuss sensitive issues in a frank and candid manner. This year’s meeting, like those in the past, will focus on nuclear and nuclear-related issues essential to the maintenance of regional stability. Specific topics will include the safety and security of nuclear weapons, materials, and technologies; the state of United States-India relations; the strategic implications of the reconceptualization of the Pacific and Indian Ocean regions as the Indo-Pacific; and changes in the South Asian and global nuclear landscapes.

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