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ABSTRACT:

India is a lynchpin in the United States' strategy to help promote stability in Asia in the face of expanding nuclear capabilities, rising Chinese power, and longstanding regional rivalries. To this end, the United States and India have become "strategic partners," undertaking an expanding program of security cooperation that, despite numerous challenges, has reached levels that would have been unthinkable just a few years ago.

This project will bring together a select group of Indian and American experts to discuss ways in which the two countries can further expand Indo-U.S. cooperation and advance the countries' common strategic goals. This dialogue builds on nearly a decade of successful interactions in this format, with each year's meeting fostering increasing familiarity and candor that allows for frank discussions of sensitive subjects. As in the past, this dialogue will focus on nuclear issues, including both the need to maintain regional stability and to prevent nuclear mishaps. Topics will include the safety and security of nuclear weapons, materials, and technologies; the overall trajectory of United States-India relations under the Trump and Modi administrations; the stability of the current South Asian security environment, focusing on the U.S.-India-China and India-Pakistan-Afghanistan strategic triangles, as well as the impact of smaller actors, such as Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, on regional security; and developments in Indian nuclear force posture, including the future of India's no-first-use policy.

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