# Foreign Minister - Senator the Hon Penny Wong EVENT BRIEF

Event	MEDIA BRIEF INDIAN MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, DR S. JAISHANKAR VISIT TO AUSTRALIA
Time	Monday 10 October
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## 1. FRAMING

This is my fourth meeting with Minster Jaishankar in a month, and Minister Jaishankar's second visit to Australia this year.

These frequent meetings are a testament to the strength of the bond between our nations.

And demonstrates the dynamism of our engagement under our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

India is one of our top tier partners.

Our cooperation, including in the Quad, supports a strategic equilibrium in the region.

We have a strong stake in each other's prosperity, including through our new Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement.

The 800,000 strong Australians of Indian descent contribute to the strength of our relationship.

## 2. DIALOGUE OUTCOMES

- The dialogue underlined for me that India is a **top-tier partner** 
  - our comprehensive strategic partnership is important for both of us

 we are both determined to build it further, from our bilateral relationship to cooperation regionally and globally including in the Quad.

• We discussed accelerating and deepening our economic ties

Including implementing ECTA and building on it quickly with the next step, which is to agree an **ambitious Comprehensive Economic Cooperation** Agreement (CECA)

- We also discussed
  - strengthening our people to people ties and education links
  - deepening our defence and security cooperation
  - and enhancing our climate change and new clean energy engagement
    - » including in the Quad.
- We shared thoughts on the regional strategic outlook
  - including the economic environment in Sri Lanka,
  - developments in Myanmar
  - and the on-going conflict in **Ukraine**.

#### If raised: Is the growth of our bilateral relationship with India about China?

• Our **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** (CSP) is about Australia and India deepening cooperation across the breadth of our relationship.

# If raised: possible cuts to the India CSP initiatives that were announced by the previous government

- In July, the Treasurer announced that all measures including those in my portfolio funded in the **2022-23 Budget** would be subject to a spending review.
- Still awaiting the outcome [to be presented alongside the Budget on 25 Oct]
  - but any changes won't affect the substance of the India package
  - the Government remains fully committed to our CSP with India.

## 3. TRADE COOPERATION

• Accelerating and deepening our economic ties with India is one of the Government's key priorities.

• Concluding our **Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement** (ECTA) was a significant milestone

 we are progressing the relevant **Parliamentary processes** as quickly as possible to it to come into force this year

ECTA will help secure access to a market of 1.4 billion people; the world's fastest growing major economy, valued at \$4.3 trillion

 ECTA offers enhanced opportunities for trade diversification and will eliminate tariffs on over 90 per cent of Australia's goods exports to India, valued at around \$14.8 billion.

• Next step is to move quickly to build on ECTA with an **ambitious Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement** (CECA)

 an opportunity to explore areas of further cooperation such as investment and digital trade.

 Minister Farrell and India's Commerce Minister have committed to move rapidly to re-commence negotiations for a full CECA.

## 4. DEFENCE COOPERATION

• India is a top-tier defence partner

 Minister Jaishankar will be meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence later this afternoon

- **Minister Marles** visited India in June – his second bilateral overseas trip after the election.

## • We are deepening defence cooperation

reciprocal P8 maritime surveillance aircraft deployments [to Darwin and Goa respectively] and

- used our Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement [during Exercise MILAN].

• Defence's flagship regional engagement activity, **Exercise INDO-PACIFIC ENDEAVOUR**, will visit India [30 Oct to 2 Nov]

 Australia will also participate in Exercise MALABAR in November with our close partners India, Japan and the United States.

## 6. DIASPORA

• The Indian community in Australia is our fastest-growing large diaspora

latest ABS data confirms that the Indian-born population is our second largest overseas-born group

- make an important contribution to our society
- active across all aspects of Australian life.
- We want the diaspora to contribute even more to our relationship with India

 the community's ability to open doors, influence perceptions, and provide advice on India is a resource we must tap into

 an important report published this year – Australia's Indian Diaspora: A National Asset – maps out clearly the diaspora's potential role in deepening our economic ties with India.

- India recently (15 August) celebrated 75 years of independence
   I was delighted to take part in one of the many diaspora and business events
  - to mark this milestone
- India's economy, its culture and its people are among the world's most dynamic.

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### 7. EDUCATION AND STUDENT VISAS

- Education, skilling, and research are key components of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership
  - both our nations benefit from deep people-to-people links.

 there are 57,435 Indian students in Australia, the second largest cohort of international students.

• Minister Clare recently co-hosted the sixth Australia India Education Council with his Indian counterpart, setting an ambitious forward agenda

- Minister Jaishankar will meet Minister Clare later this afternoon.

#### If raised: How is Australia addressing the student visa backlog?

- I acknowledge the **disruption caused by COVID-19** and the resilience of Indian students
  - pleased so many students have already been able to return
- The Department of Home Affairs is implementing a number of system enhancements and **processing efficiencies**

 including recruiting additional staff and utilising surge capacity from across its' portfolio to handle offshore visa backlogs.

• As part of the Jobs and Skills Summit [*1 and 2 September*], **the Government announced additional funding of \$36.1 million over a nine-month period** 

- to support **visa processing**, including student visa processing.

#### 8. SRI LANKA

- This is a very difficult time in Sri Lanka
  - the crisis has led to severe shortages of food, medicine and fuel.
  - Our thoughts are with the people of Sri Lanka
  - this is also a difficult time for the Sri Lankan community in Australia.

• As a long time friend of Sri Lanka, Australia has committed \$75 million in humanitarian and development assistance to meet immediate needs.

#### If raised: Australian position on Sri Lanka's economic recovery

- Australia encourages the government to work toward long-term economic stability, including with the International Monetary Fund.
- Australia has encouraged bilateral creditors to work swiftly to provide financing assurances necessary for Sri Lanka to access IMF funding.

#### If raised: Fuel donation to Sri Lankan Navy and Air Force

- Defence is providing \$10 million of fuel for Sri Lanka's Navy and Air Force to enable on-going action against transnational crime and support regional security
- Australia has been working closely with India to facilitate the donation.

### 9. PAKISTAN

- We have cordial relations with a variety of countries, including of course Pakistan
  - we do not see diplomatic relations as a zero-sum game
  - our thoughts have been with Pakistan too as it has confronted a massive flood event
  - we have provided \$5 million in humanitarian assistance

#### If raised: situation in Jammu and Kashmir

- The Kashmir dispute is a **bilateral matter** for India and Pakistan to resolve.
- As a vibrant, multi-faith democracy, we expect India to protect the religious and constitutional rights of all its citizens.

#### 10. RUSSIA/UKRAINE

• Australia condemns Russia's unilateral, illegal and immoral aggression against the people of Ukraine

- the invasion is a **gross violation of international law**, including the Charter of the United Nations.

• Australia also condemns Russia's **illegal annexation** of the regions of Luhansk, Donetsk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia [Zap-or-ee-zia] in Ukraine.

- Russia's sham referenda in occupied areas of Ukraine are illegitimate.

#### If raised: India's position on Ukraine and Russia

• Welcome Prime Minister Modi raising his concerns with Putin [on 15 and 16 September, on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit]

 also welcome Modi's phone call with President Zelenskyy [4 October] where he conveyed India's readiness to contribute peace efforts

- as Prime Minister Modi told Putin, this is not the time for war.

## 11.AUKUS

• AUKUS is one part of our strategy to ensure the Indo-Pacific remains stable, prosperous, and free from coercion.

• Australia remains committed to our existing network of international partnerships,

 including with the Quad, ASEAN, our Pacific family, and other like-minded partners in the region.

• Australia has exemplary non-proliferation credentials and AUKUS partners have committed to strengthening the integrity of the non-proliferation regime.

• We are **grateful for India's support** for our agenda, including at the International Atomic Energy Agency's General Conference.

## If raised: Will AUKUS be expanded to include additional partners?

• As the AUKUS partnership matures, we will identify areas of discrete cooperation where Australia, the UK, the US and another partner — or partners — with relevant expertise would mutually benefit from working together.

## 12. QUAD

• Quad partners are deeply invested in the success of the Indo-Pacific region.

• Together with **three of our closest partners**, we are working to uphold a region that is peaceful, stable, prosperous.

• Quad partners are working together to offer **tangible benefits** and **strategic options** to our Indo-Pacific partners, in support of this positive vision.

# If raised: Is the Quad just about countering China? Are there plans to turn the Quad into a formal, NATO-style alliance?

- No. The Quad's **positive**, **practical agenda** is focused on supporting a peaceful, prosperous and secure region, respectful of sovereignty.
- The Quad does not seek to exacerbate major power competition in the region.

• Our interest is in supporting the **sovereignty and independence** of Indo-Pacific countries.

### 13. MYANMAR

• We are deeply concerned by the security and humanitarian situation in Myanmar.

 and back ASEAN's leadership in responding to the crisis and are dismayed the regime continues to disregard its commitments under the Five Point Consensus.

• We will deliver an estimated \$98.6 million of assistance to the people of Myanmar this financial year.

• Australia does not provide any direct funding to the Myanmar regime.

## If raised: Professor Turnell

• We reject the court ruling on 29 September against Australian Professor Sean Turnell and calls for his immediate release.

#### VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY DR S. JAISHANKAR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER, REPUBLIC OF INDIA 9 TO 12 OCTOBER 2022

#### **PROGRAM AS COMPLETE**

Sunday 9 October 20	022
Sydney, New South	Wales (NSW)
1730	Dr S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister, arrives in Sydney on QF164
	<ul> <li>Met by (at gate):</li> <li>Mr Manish Gupta, Consul General of India, Sydney</li> </ul>
1745-1800	Transit from Sydney International Airport to Sydney Domestic Airport
2145	Transit to Hyatt Hotel via Old Parliament House via Old Parliament House to view Indian lighting display Location: Hyatt Hotel, 120 Commonwealth Ave, Canberra
Canberra, Australian	Capital Territory (ACT)
2035-2130	<ul> <li>Flight QF1455 (Sydney to Canberra)</li> <li>Met by (at gate): <ul> <li>H.E. Mr Manpreet Vohra, High Commissioner of India to Australia</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Mr Gary Cowan, First Assistant Secretary, North and South Asia Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</li> <li>Ms Rebekah Grindlay, Assistant Secretary, India Branch, DFAT</li> </ul>

Monday 10 October	2022
0800-0915	Private breakfast
	Location: Hyatt Hotel, 120 Commonwealth Ave, Canberra
0935-0940	Transit from Hyatt Hotel to Australian Parliament House
0940-0950	Welcome to Country
	Location: Ministerial entrance, Australian Parliament House
1000-1120	Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue
	Location: MG63, Ministerial Wing, Parliament House
1120-1140	Press conference preparation time
1140-1200	Joint Press Conference
	Location: Blue Room, Ministerial Wing, Parliament House
1200-1315	Lunch hosted by the Foreign Minister
	Location: Private Dining Room 2, Parliament House
1315-1330	Transit from Ministerial Entrance (APH) to Australian War Memorial
1330-1400	Private tour and wreath laying at the Australian War Memorial Location: Memorial's East Road, Australian War Memorial
1400-1415	Transit to Hyatt Hotel
1415-1515	Rest time
	Location: Hyatt Hotel, 120 Commonwealth Ave, Canberra
1515-1545	Print interview
	Location: Hyatt Hotel, 120 Commonwealth Ave, Canberra
1545-1600	Transit to Ministerial Entrance, Parliament House
1600-1630	Meeting with the Hon Jason Clare MP, Minister for Education
	Location: Committee Room 2, R2, Parliament House
1630-1700	Meeting with the Hon Richard Marles MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence
	Location: Suite MG.41, Ministerial Wing, Parliament House
1700-1715	Transit from Parliament House Ministerial Entrance to Mount Ainslie
1715-1730	Driving tour and stop off at Mount Ainslie
	Location: Mount Ainslie lookout
1730-1740	Transit to Canberra Airport

Sydney, New South \	Wales
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2015-2045	Transit to Shangri-La Hotel
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2045-2100	Hotel check-in
	Location: Shangri-La Sydney, The Rocks
2105-2115	Transit to private dinner
2115-2215	Private dinner
2215-2225	Transit to hotel

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Tuesday 11 October	2022
0830-0900	Travel to HMAS Penguin
0900-1220	Australian Defence Force capability engagement
1220-1230	Travel to Taronga Zoo Wharf
1230-1330	Lunch on RAN VIP vessel Admiral Hudson, Sydney Harbour
1330-1340	Disembark Admiral Hudson at Eastern Pontoon, Circular Quay
1345-1400	Photo opportunity Location: Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour
1415-1430	Transit to Shangri-La Hotel
1430-1600	Rest time and opportunity to refresh Location: Shangri-La Hotel, The Rocks
1600-1615	Transit to Sydney Cricket Ground
1615-1715	VIP tour of the Sydney Cricket Ground Location: Sydney Cricket Ground Drive Ave, Moore Park NSW 2021
1715-1730	Transit to Harbour Marriott Hotel
1730-1830	Indian Consulate-General event Location: Harbour Marriott Hotel, 30 Pitt St, Sydney
1830-1845	Travel to Lowy Institute
1845-2130	Dinner and address to the Lowy Institute Location: Lowy Institute, 31 Bligh St, Sydney
2130	Travel to Shangri-La Hotel

Wednesday 12 October 2022				
0630	Travel to Sydney Airport			
0855	Dr S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister, departs Sydney on SQ212			
	End of program			
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	Aircraft movements			

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#### **INDIA: FOREIGN MINISTERS' FRAMEWORK DIALOGUE**

**Time and Place** 

Monday 10 October, 10:00-11:20am, Meeting Room MG63, Parliament House

#### Key attendees

Dr S Jaishankar, Minister for External Affairs (MEA), India

Dr Shilpak Ambule, Joint Secretary (East Asia & External Affairs Minister's Office), MEA

Ms Paramita Tripathi, Joint Secretary (Oceania), MEA

HE Manpreet Vohra, High Commissioner of India to Australia

Key Australian attendees

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Ms Jan Adams AO PSM, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Mr Justin Hayhurst, Deputy Secretary Geo-Strategic Group

Mr Gary Cowan, First Assistant Secretary, North and South Asia Division

Ms Rebekah Grindlay, Assistant Secretary, India Branch

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#### Handling note

You will co-chair the Foreign Framework Dialogue with for 80 minutes, this will be followed by a press conference.  $^{\rm s33(a)(iii)}$ 

#### **Talking points:**

#### *l.* **Opening remarks [FM lead – 5 minutes]**

- Honour to welcome you to Australia for the second time this year.
- Understand Aunty Violet has welcomed you to Ngunnawal country.
- I am determined to see **First Nations perspectives** put at the heart of our foreign policy.
  - We have much to learn from our First Nations peoples here at home and beyond.
- India, like Australia, is a diverse multicultural society with a rich Indigenous history.
  - Important that we reflect on and celebrate this in our external engagement.

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- Understand India has appointed its first 'tribal' president [Drupadi MURMU, in July]

• As we face down the many challenges in our region and beyond, cooperation between **likeminded partners** is key.

- We value our partnership with India and the strategic equilibrium it gives our region.
- Pleased to be convening today's Foreign Framework Dialogue and look forward to a
- free-flowing and wide-ranging discussion I always value your insights.

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#### **Draft social media**

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Today I met with Indian External Affairs Minister Jaishankar—our fourth meeting in a month and the Minister's second visit to Australia this year.

This demonstrates the importance both our countries place on the Australia-India relationship.

[Insert link to media release]

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## Australia-India Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue Agenda 10am-11.20am 10 October 2022

Time	Agenda item				
10.00 - 10.05	Opening Remarks [FM & EAM] [5 mins]				
10.05 - 10.25	<ul> <li>Bilateral Cooperation [Lead – FM] [20 mins]</li> <li>i. High-level engagements</li> <li>ii. Trade, investment and economic cooperation</li> <li>iii. Scientific cooperation (inc. climate change, critical minerals and clean technology)</li> <li>iv. Education &amp; people-to-people ties (inc. Migration and Mobility Partnership Arrangement)</li> <li>v. Defence and security cooperation</li> </ul>				
10.25 – 10.40	<ul> <li>Mini- and multilateral engagement [Lead – EAM] [15 mins]</li> <li>i. G20</li> <li>ii. Quad</li> <li>iii. Trilaterals – Australia-India-France &amp; Australia-India-Indonesia</li> <li>iv. Multilateral candidacies and UN reform</li> <li>s33(a)(iii)</li> </ul>				

10.40 - 11.20