

Joint Press Statement
U.S.-India 7th High Technology Cooperation Group Meeting
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On March 16, 2010, Acting Under Secretary of Commerce Daniel O. Hill welcomed Indian Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao and the Government of India delegation to the U.S. Department of Commerce for the official meeting of the U.S.-India High Technology Cooperation Group (HTCG). The HTCG, which was constituted in 2002, provides a forum for the two governments to promote and facilitate bilateral commerce in high technology sectors, including Defense and Strategic Trade, Biotechnology, Civil Aviation, and Nanotechnology.

Foreign Secretary Rao and Acting Under Secretary Hill reiterated their commitment to the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership and pledged to work together to address these important issues. They also expressed their appreciation for the U.S.-India Business Council, Confederation of Indian Industry, and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, for hosting the private sector forum on March 15, during which U.S. and Indian industry came together to discuss issues affecting bilateral high technology trade.

In addition, the United States and India agreed to continue the tradition of the HTCG to identify specific actions and clear timeframes that would help facilitate trade and to expand the number of working group meetings in an effort to ensure timely and comprehensive follow up actions.
