

## **Fact Sheet on Deepening U.S.-India Strategic Ties**

Prime Minister Singh and President Obama renewed their commitment to expand cooperation on strategic issues facing the United States and India. They acknowledged that as an emerging player on the world stage, India has a vital role to play in confronting global challenges and working with like-minded partners to ensure peace, stability, and prosperity. The United States welcomes a greater global leadership role for India and values its perspectives on how to meet common challenges, including countering terrorism, securing our maritime domains, and working together to support human rights and promote democratic, political and economic development around the world. Toward that end, President Obama and Prime Minister Singh agreed to deepen and broaden strategic consultations on core foreign policy issues of mutual concern. Such consultations reinforce Prime Minister Singh's and President Obama's vision of transforming the U.S.-India relationship into a true global partnership that reflects the extensive and growing strategic ties between our two countries.

- The two leaders agree their respective governments will hold regular strategic consultations on pressing global challenges such as terrorism, areas of mutually beneficial cooperation such as peacekeeping, multilateral organizations such as the United Nations, and strategically significant regions where the U.S. and India share mutual interests. These discussions will be led at the appropriate level by the U.S. Department of State and the Indian Ministry of External Affairs.
- The two leaders also discussed shared interests in enhancing regional security and stability, particularly in the context of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Both the United States and India have made significant investments toward furthering Afghanistan's economic, social, and democratic progress and pledged to move forward on joint development initiatives, particularly those related to women's economic development and agriculture.