

(b) to (e) Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan were held in New Delhi on June 27-28, 2004. The two Foreign Secretaries discussed the subjects 'Peace and Security including CBMs' and 'Jammu and Kashmir' within the framework of the Composite Dialogue. They exchanged views on carrying the process forward in an atmosphere free from terrorism and violence. In the Joint Statement issued at the end to the talks on June 28, the Foreign Secretaries, *inter alia*, approved the measures recommended by the Expert level meeting on Nuclear CBMs in New Delhi on 19-20 June, 2004. The two sides proposed a comprehensive framework for conventional CBMs aimed at initiating and enhancing communication, coordination and interaction. It was also agreed to immediately restore the strength of the respective High Commissions to the original level of 110; to immediately release all apprehended fishermen in each other's custody and put in place a mechanism for the return of unintentionally transgressing fishermen and their boats from high seas without apprehending them; and to initiate steps for early release of civilian prisoners. It was also agreed in principle to re-establish the Consulates General in Karachi and Mumbai.

Common N-doctrine between India, China and Pakistan

430. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have suggested that there should be common N-doctrine between India, China and Pakistan to bring peace and stability in the region and the world;

(b) if so, whether this proposal is aimed on projecting India as a responsible nuclear power, checking arms race in the region and promoting nuclear risk-reduction and addressing the international community's Pakistan inspired concern over Kashmir being a nuclear flashpoint;

(c) if so, whether Pakistan and China have favoured this proposal; and

(d) if so, by what time a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (d) No discussions

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have been held with the Governments of China and/or Pakistan or proposals made so far specifically addressing the idea of a common nuclear doctrine. Pakistani official spokesman described the idea as contained in EAM's media statement of 1 June 2004 'innovative' and requiring "further and deeper examination". China, in response to a query, reiterated its position on "complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons".

Facilities for confidence building measures

431. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have initiated many facilities for confidence building measures with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of Pakistan to these measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) During the Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan in New Delhi on June 27-28, 2004 discussion were held, *inter alia*, on the subject of Peace and Security including Confidence Building Measures, with the framework of the Composite Dialogue. The two Foreign Secretaries exchanged views on carrying the process forward in an atmosphere free from terrorism and violence. The two sides, *inter alia*, proposed a comprehensive framework for conventional CBMs aimed at initiating and enhancing communication, coordination and interaction. It was also agreed to immediately restore the strength of the respective High Commissions to the original level of 110; to immediately release all apprehended fishermen in each other's custody and put in place a mechanism for the return of unintentionally transgressing fishermen and their boats from high seas without apprehending them; and to initiate steps for early release of civilian prisoners. It was also agreed in principle to re-establish the Consulates General in Karachi and Mumbai.

The Foreign Secretaries also approved the measures recommended by the Expert level meeting on Nuclear CBMs that was held in New Delhi on 19-20 June, 2004. In the Joint Statement issued after this meeting on June 20 it was agreed, *inter alia*, to upgrade,