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Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We celebrated the 25th Anniversary of CICA last year. India sees CICA as an important initiative towards carving a pluralistic, cooperative security order in Asia reflective of the unique diversity of the region. We hope that the CICA would continue to evolve into a balanced, open and inclusive framework for Asian countries to interact and cooperate in addressing traditional and non-traditional security challenges.

We see today shifts in global power, change in the character of global economy and daily disruption in technology. The foundations of the global order appear shaken. The Asian Region is not isolated from these challenges and is beset with a set of complex issues.

Terrorism continues to cast a long shadow on our development and economic prosperity. It has grown more lethal and adept at the use of technology. This scourge of terrorism needs to be condemned in all its forms and manifestations and we need to strengthen our cooperation in combating international terrorism at the regional and global fora.
In addition, the region also faces threats like WMD proliferation, drugs trafficking, cyber threats, climate change and natural disasters. These threats respect no boundaries and behove upon us to operate and function in a collaborative fashion.

In this context, I would like to recall Prime Minister Modi’s Key Note address at the Shangri-La Dialogue where he outlined and elaborated his vision of security and growth for all in the region. With this vision, we aim to promote peace, prosperity and development in our Asian region.

We thank outgoing chair, China for its effective contribution to the growth and success of CICA. We welcome the incoming chair Tajikistan and assure India’s commitment to CICA’s vision. We stand ready to contribute towards enhancing cooperation and strengthening peace, confidence and friendship in Asia.

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