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To
Puneet
and
Gurpreet

PREFACE

India's Foreign Relations, an annual publication brought out in cooperation with the Ministry of External Affairs, contains the official documents on foreign relations. When the first volume in the series, for the year 2004, appeared in March 2005, it met with instant all-round approval. The External Affairs Minister released the book at an official function and suggested that the series be continued not only for subsequent years but similar compilations be also made for the preceding years. In the follow up, the compilation for 2005 appeared in March 2006 while the present volume is the first step in filling the gap for the previous years. The volume for 2006 would appear in March 2007; that for 2002, well before that.

The year 2003 saw India coming of age as a nuclear-weapon state. Following the 1998 nuclear tests and the declaration that India was a nuclear weapon state, it had become necessary to adopt a nuclear doctrine to govern its conduct as a Nuclear Weapon State. After deliberating for almost five years, on January 4, 2003, India announced its nuclear doctrine. The basic approach, enshrined in the doctrine, was "building and maintaining a credible deterrent" which will be "massive and designed to inflict unacceptable damage". Inherent in this was the principle of non-use of nuclear weapons against a non-nuclear weapon state except in the face of a major attack by "biological and chemical weapons". India, however, remained committed to:

- (i) "strict controls on exports of nuclear and missile related materials and technologies";
- (ii) "participation in the Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty negotiations" and,
- (iii) "observance of the moratorium on nuclear tests".

Terrorism remained the dominant theme in India's foreign relations during the year. It signed several bilateral and multilateral agreements of cooperation to control this scourge. To supplement these efforts, several extradition treaties and agreements on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters were entered into. Terrorism too remained a recurring theme in the discussions with Heads of State/Government/ministers and senior officials during bilateral visits to India or when Indian leaders went out on official visits.

In the bilateral realm, the year 2003 was dominated by ups and

downs in relations with Pakistan particularly in the backdrop of developments in the previous couple of years. New Delhi's efforts to get Pakistan to accept the dangers of promoting cross border terrorism, met with little success. 9/11 had, indeed, brought the West face to face with the phenomenon of terrorism and its tragic impact on innocent people. But the West, seeking continued co-operation of the Pakistan government in its war against Al-Qaeda and not directly impacted by Pakistan-based terrorist groups, was reluctant to exert pressure on Pakistan on the need to curb the activities of groups targeting India. Under US pressure, Pakistan was solicitous of Western concerns and assumed the role of a front-line state in the global war against terrorism emanating from the Taliban in Afghanistan but paid little heed to Indian entreaties to stop giving succour to Pakistan based terrorist organizations operating against India. It continued to accord the status of "freedom fighters" to terrorists inflicting grievous damage to civilian life and property in India. Indian patience was already running thin when the attack on the Indian Parliament took place in December 2001. The recall of High Commissioner, suspension of communication links and the mobilization of armed forces along the international border, were signals to Pakistan that India's patience, stretched too far and tested too long, had, finally, run out.

But there was no let up in the frequency and ferocity of terrorist attacks from Pakistan or the territory controlled by it. The fatalities in the March 2003 tragedy of Nadimarg in Southern Kashmir included many women and children. All evidence pointed to the elements infiltrated and supported from across the border. In a strong reaction, New Delhi demanded that "the epicenter of international terrorism that exists in our neighbourhood and infrastructure of support and sponsorship of cross border terrorism must be completely dismantled." New Delhi was deeply disappointed when the US State Department, in condemning the attack at Nadimarg, said that dialogue remained the "crucial element" in resolving the problem between India and Pakistan, and termed the call for dialogue "inappropriate".

The Prime Minister, during his visit to Jammu and Kashmir in April, initiated the process of de-freezing tension between the two countries. He offered to extend his hand of friendship to Pakistan. Recounting the several efforts made by India for better relations with Pakistan, he said: "As Prime Minister of the country I wanted to have friendly relations with our neighbour and I went to Lahore, but it was returned with Kargil. We still continued and invited General Pervez Musharraf to Agra but again failed."

The Prime Minister demanded that the hand of friendship be “extended from both the sides.” Repeating the conditions for resuming talks with Pakistan he reiterated “unless cross-border terrorism was stopped and training camps for militants dismantled, there could be no meaningful talks.” Pakistan’s response was halting but somewhat positive. After an exchange of several statements the process led to the Vajpayee – Musharraf Joint Statement of January 6, 2004 culminating in the two countries engaging themselves in a composite dialogue.

Developments in Iraq attracted substantial attention of the Government. The Prime Minister clarified the Indian position in a statement to Parliament on March 12, before the commencement of the US action in Iraq. Underlining the importance of the region to India in economic and political terms, he called upon Iraq to comply with the UNSC Resolution 1441 and cooperate with the UN Inspectors verifying Iraqi possession of Weapons of Mass Destruction. India hoped that action to secure Iraqi compliance would be within the ambit of the UN respecting the sovereignty of the Iraqi people. Any move for ‘regime change’ should come from within and not imposed from outside. When hostilities commenced in Iraq, New Delhi described them as lacking in “justification” and “avoidable”. A deeply “anguished” New Delhi expressed “grave concern” at the continuing differences within the Security Council, which “prevented a harmonization of the position of its members, resulting in the present crisis”. In April, the Lok Sabha unanimously adopted a Resolution, which “deplored” the military action of the coalition forces and called for an “immediate cessation of hostilities and quick withdrawal of coalition forces from Iraq.” To the UN emergency appeal for humanitarian assistance to the people of Iraq, New Delhi responded with its contribution of US \$ 20 million in cash and kind. For a while, New Delhi toyed with the idea of contributing armed personnel for the stabilizing force in Iraq but in deference to the public opinion, in Parliament and outside, the Government abandoned the idea.

In September 2003, India’s determination to fight against terrorism found a robust echo during the first ever visit by an Israeli Prime Minister. In his banquet speech for Ariel Sharon, Prime Minister stressed the commonality of experiences of the two countries and described terrorism as a menace confronting both. In the Joint Statement issued at the end the visit, the two countries pledged, as “victims of terrorism” to be “partners in the battle against this scourge”.

In June 2003, the Indian Prime Minister visited China - almost a decade after the last Prime Ministerial visit - though high level exchanges continued in the interim. K. R. Narayanan visited China in October 1994

and in May 2000 as Vice President and President, respectively. Chinese President Jiang Zemin visited India in November 1996. Chinese National People's Congress Chairman Li Peng and Premier Zhu Rongji came to New Delhi in January 2001 and 2002 respectively. Among the many agreements signed during the PM's visit, the Memorandum for Border Trade was a landmark document in which the Chinese accepted "Changgu of Sikkim state" as a designated point on the Indian side for this purpose thereby, recognizing "Sikkim state" as a part of India – something that China had shied away from doing since the state joined the Indian Union in 1975.

The process of developing closer relationship between India and the United States remained on course. In September 2002, President Bush had spoken of developing a strategic relationship between Washington and New Delhi as a component of the US national security strategy. From consultations on missile defence to signing an agreement on non-surrender of each others citizens to international tribunals, from supporting a consensus on IAEA resolution on North Korea to advancing UN initiatives ranging from terrorism to peacekeeping, India and the United States worked to accommodate each other's interests and address common challenges. The two countries recognized that the key threat to international peace and security emanated from global terrorism, state sponsorship of terrorism, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. The high level India–US Defence Policy Group continued to address these issues. Yet to New Delhi's chagrin, the United States, for its own strategic reasons, preferred to remain wedded to maintaining a balance in its relations with the two neighbours, India and Pakistan; even as it acknowledged India as a victim of terrorism, it stopped short of acknowledging its cross-border origins.

Relations with Russia gathered momentum. India and Russia have a unique arrangement of reviewing developments in strategic areas in a structured manner. Thus, there is a separate mechanism for consultations between the two countries for Central Asia and Caspian Sea and yet another for Afghanistan and similarly for other subjects. Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee visited Russia in June to attend the tercentenary of the city of St. Petersburg and again in November on a bilateral visit. In between the two leaders met in New York in September during the UN General Assembly session. President Putin had visited India in December 2002. Thus, the two leaders had four opportunities to meet within a space of twelve months. Regular interaction at the highest level symbolizes the close contacts and regular exchanges with Russia, in keeping with the Strategic Partnership built around defence, high technology and scientific cooperation, trade and commerce.

The documents in this volume have been arranged regionally and chronologically for ease of reference; documents of a general nature cutting across many themes and issues have been placed under the general category at the beginning. In categorizing a document, the primary consideration has been its dominant nature. Readers may find some duplication or they may find a document at a place other than where they expect it to be. I seek their understanding. Footnotes have been added to either amplify the context or to supplement the contents of the main document. In reproducing the documents, every effort has been made to adhere to the original text in terms of the spellings of proper nouns and punctuation.

External relations today have become a complex subject. Lexicon of international relations has undergone a sea change in recent years so have their content. The sophistication and the growing needs of the economy coupled with the demands of globalization have brought about a qualitative change in the conduct of international relations. Interaction among nations both multilaterally and bilaterally in diverse fields such as health, environment, agriculture, science and technology etc. contribute to pooling and sharing of knowledge for the benefit of humanity and eradication of poverty from among the countries not yet sufficiently advanced in these fields. It is therefore not possible to look at international relations from the prism of old diplomacy. They have become all embracing. This has led to the conclusion of a large number of agreements with a large number of countries in all areas of human activity. It has not been possible to accommodate all those agreements within the covers of a single volume. In order to keep the size of the compendium within reasonable limit, certain documents had to be excluded. In so doing, every effort has been made to retain in this volume what was considered immediately essential to the conduct of foreign relations. I hope the users would understand if they fail to find a particular document they are looking for in this volume.

In the preparation of this volume I have received help from many officers of the Ministry of External Affairs. I find it difficult to mention all the names individually since the list is long. However I would fail in my duty if I do not mention the names of Navtej Singh Sarna, the Official Spokesperson, Narindra Singh, Joint Secretary (Legal and Treaties Division) and Mahesh Arora of the Public Diplomacy Division. I am grateful to them for their ready help. While saying so, I remain fully responsible for all the deficiencies and inadequacies that may be found in this work.

Avtar Singh Bhasin

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