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**Press Release**

**Foreign Office Consultations between India and Jordan**

Foreign Office Consultations between India and Jordan were held on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014, in Amman after a gap of over eight years. H.E. Mr. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary [East], Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India led the Indian delegation; and the Jordanian delegation was headed by H.E. Ambassador Mohammad Taisir Masadeh, Secretary General [SG] in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriate Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

2. Mr. Anil Wadhwa and SG Mohammad Taisir Masadeh held constructive discussions on the entire gamut of bilateral relations, especially in the fields of politics, defence, security, economy, energy and culture. They also discussed regional and international issues of mutual interest. The discussions were held in a very cordial atmosphere reflecting the traditionally friendly relations between the two countries. The two sides reviewed the progress in India-Jordan relations since the last meeting in August 2005 and underscored the importance of holding Foreign Office Consultations at regular intervals, which are an important tool to assess the state of bilateral relations and the measures to enhance multifaceted cooperation between the two countries.

3. Later on the day, Mr. Anil Wadhwa had discussions with the Secretary

General, Ministry of Agriculture and Secretary General, Ministry of Transport over a lunch that was hosted by the Secretary General in the Foreign Ministry. He also met with the CEO of Jordan Investment Board; and discussed Indian investment in Jordan and possible areas of investment in the future. Secretary [East] also met with Mr. Amer Al-Majali, Chairman of Jordan Phosphate Mines Company and discussed the existing bilateral cooperation in the field of fertilizers, including a joint venture to produce phosphoric acid, which would be operational in May this year.

4. Secretary[East] also called on H.E. Hatem Hafez Al-Halawani Al-Tamimi, Minister of Industry, Trade & Supply and Minister of Information, Communication & Technology on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. During the meeting which focused on economic and commercial matters, it was agreed to convene the next meeting of the India-Jordan Trade Committee at the Ministerial level in Amman after June 2014.

5. Secretary [East] also called on H.E. Nasser S. Judeh, Minister of Foreign Affairs & Expatriate Affairs on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014. FM Judeh described India-Jordan relations as “excellent” and suggested that we focus on boosting trade and economic relations between the two countries with an annual target for two-way trade.

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