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Second Round of the India-Russia Consultations on Security in the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), New Delhi (February 15-16, 2018)

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The Second Round of India-Russia Consultations on Security in the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) were held on February 15-16, 2018 in New Delhi, pursuant to the bilateral Agreement on Cooperation in ensuring security in the use of Information and communication technologies between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Russian Federation signed on October 1.5, 2016 on the sidelines of the 8th BRICS Summit in Goa.

The Indian delegation was led by Mr Rajinder Khanna, Deputy National Security Adviser, in coordination with Dr Guishan Rai, National Cyber Security Coordinator. The Russian delegation was led by Mr Oleg Khrarnov, Deputy Secretary, Security Council of the Russian Federation.

Both Sides reaffirmed their common concerns relating to threats in the use of JOTs and common approaches in ensuring security in this field. Both Sides highlighted the need to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the use of ICTs by deepening interaction between specialized agencies.

The Head of the Russian delegation called on India's National Security Adviser who underlined the strategic character of India- Russia relations as well as highlighted the need to strengthen cooperation in the important sphere of use of ICTs.

Both Sides reiterated intention to strengthen practical cooperation on issues relating to ensuring security in the use of ICTs, including information sharing on emerging threats in this field, exchange of technical information, capacity building including sharing ICTs to fight against its use for criminal and terrorist purposes.

The two Sides agreed that it is necessary to prevent misuse of ICTs for criminal and terrorism purpose. In order to prevent possibilities of conflict, appropriate mechanism for ensuring security in the use of ICTs should be put in place. The two Sides stressed the significance of adopting norms, principles and rules of responsible state behavior in the use of ICTs with the UN as the key facilitator. In this respect, there is a need for the resumption of the work of a Group of Governmental Experts on Development in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security in order to develop the norms, principles and rules on security in the use of ICTs.

For the sake of further development of bilateral cooperation of security in the use of ICTs, both sides noted the necessity to consistently enhance activity by creating additional mechanisms of interaction

between competent authorities and agencies as has been stated in the mentioned 2016 Bilateral Agreement.

The two Sides reaffirmed their willingness to maintain regular bilateral dialogue on issues related to ensuring security in the use of ICTs with a view to further enhancing cooperation in this area.

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