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## ABSTRACT

The Government of India is aware in strengthening its defense capabilities in order to support the attainment of their national goals and interests in the increased global competition amongst Countries. In the field, India is well- known as a traditional partner for Russia mainly in the post World War II. India has procured many military equipment from the Soviet era and also conducted many military cooperation both in tactical and technical even until recently. Otherwise, India's relations with another Superpower, the United States was relatively not close due to its adherence to non- alignment movement and the former Soviet Union when the Cold War happened between the two Giants. The US also identified as major ally for India's main rival Pakistan and has supported them with their armaments or gave financial and political support too. But, a recovery in the Indo- US relationship occurred in 2008 since both Countries agreed on Nuclear Enhancement Acts, then followed by series of dialogues and consultations by the top leaders from both Countries. Until eventually, both Countries decided to sign the Defense Framework Agreement in 2015. This Agreement is contained some substantial points for the continuation of their defense ties into the next level. Through this Agreement, India and the US can together balance the rapid influence of China as world rising Superpower mainly in the Asia- Pacific Region. And especially for India, strategically can strengthen their position in front of Pakistan as their main rival in the South Asia Region.

**Keywords:** India, US, China, Pakistan, Balance of Power, Defense Agreement, Defense Industry, Arms Trade, Military Exercise, Regional Stability



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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

A&D	Aerospace & Defense
AIIB	Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATA	Anti-Terrorism Assistance
BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party
BoP	Balance of Power
BRI	Belt and Road Initiative
BRICS	Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa
C4I	Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence
CAATSA	Countering America's Adversaries through Sanctions Act
CCI	Counter-terrorism Cooperation Initiative
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
COIN	Counterinsurgency
CYBERCOM	Cyber Command
DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DFA	Defense Framework Agreement
DoD	Department of Defense
DPG	Defense Policy Group
DPP	Defense Procurement Procedures
PPPG	Defense Procurement and Production Group
DPSU	Defense Public Sector Undertaking
DRDO	Defence Research and Development Organisation

DTTI	Defense Technology and Trade Initiative
ESG	Executive Steering Groups
F- INSAS	Futuristic Infantry Soldier as a System
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HTCG	High Technology Cooperation Group
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAF	Indian Armed Forces
ICV	Infantry Combat Vehicle
IDDM	Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured
IRIGC-MTC	India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation
IISS	International Institute of Strategic Studies
IOR	Indian Ocean Region
ISI	Inter-Services Intelligence
ISIL	Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant
ISIS	Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
ISR	Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance
JMSDF	Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force
JWG	Joint Working Group
LAC	Line of Actual Control
LLLWR	Low-Level Light Weight Radars
LTIPP	Long Term Integrated Plan
MBT	Main Battle Tanks
MCG	Military Cooperation Group
MMRCA	Medium Multi-Role Combat Aircraft
MSMEs	Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises
MoD	Ministry of Defense

MTCR	Missile Technology Control Regime
NPT	Non-Proliferation Treaty
NSG	Nuclear Supplier Group
NSSP	Next Steps in Strategic Partnership
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
OF's	Ordnance Factories
PLA	People's Liberation Army
PPP	purchasing power parity
RCEP	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
RIMPAC	Rim of the Pacific
RMA	Revolution in Military Affairs
S&CD	Strategic and Commercial Dialogue
SCO	Shanghai Cooperation Organization
SLOC	Sea Lines of Communication
STSG	Senior Technology Security Group
ToT	Transfer of Technology
UN	United Nations
USA	United States of America
WWII	World War II
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction