

## Fact Sheet on Securing the Air, Sea, and Space Domains

President Obama and Prime Minister Singh agreed that in an increasingly interconnected world, it is vital to safeguard areas of the sea, air, and space beyond national jurisdiction to ensure the security and prosperity of nations. The United States and India have launched a dialogue to explore ways to work together, as well as with other countries, to develop a shared vision to protect peace, security, and development of these areas.

- Sea, air and space constitute the connective tissue of an international system — facilitating travel and commerce among nations within an increasingly interconnected world.
- As the U.S. and India share similar intentions regarding the need to ensure freedom, access and security in the air, sea, and space domains, we have established a U.S.-India Working Group on these matters.
- We will work together to develop a set of established norms and mechanisms that ensure free access to the sea, air and space domains for the long term. Where possible, we will look to leverage existing exchanges and dialogues to carry forward some of the domain-specific discussions.
- The U.S. and India will leverage dialogues to discuss ways to further expand bilateral and multilateral tactical cooperation to protect and defend the sea, air, and space domains. For example, in the maritime domain, the U.S. and India will look to further the tenets outlined in the 2006 *Indo-U.S. Framework for Maritime Security Cooperation* in areas such as counter-piracy and littoral security.
- Through our partnership on this important strategic issue, we hope to demonstrate in tangible ways our enduring commitment to these principles and to serve as a powerful example of the kind of mutual leadership the 21<sup>st</sup> century requires.