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PRESS NOTE

Indo-US Bilateral Meeting on Climate Change

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Today afternoon, a high level US delegation led by Special Envoy for Climate Change Mr. Todd Stern met Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment & Forests. It will be recollected that India and the USA have a long history of cooperation on environmental and forestry issues and the present meeting was in continuation of that engagement. Yesterday, the US and the Indian officials had technical level meeting to discuss climate change issues of mutual concern under the leadership of Mr. Todd Stern and Dr. T. Chatterjee, Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests respectively.

During the meeting, scientific and technical cooperation between the two countries on issues relating to climate change, both present and future, were deliberated upon. Both sides exchanged their views, in a cordial atmosphere on bilateral issues and the ongoing climate change negotiations in the multilateral fora under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Both sides agreed that operationlization of the Cancun decision in a balanced manner should be the goal for the meeting of the Conference of Parties under UNFCCC at Durban in December 2011. During the exchange of views, Minister Smt. Natarajan brought out the Indian perspective about the balanced outcome on both the LCA and KP tracks under the Bali Road Map, the importance to remain engaged on issues such as equity, accelerated transfer of technologies and trade measures at and beyond Durban and the crucial role of Indo-US programmes regarding science of climate change to further strengthen the bilateral engagement. Mr. Stern conveyed his view on transparency arrangements, i.e. International Assessment and Review (IAR) for developed countries and International Consultations and Analysis (ICA) for developing countries, the principles and approaches for functioning of the Green Climate Fund, the Technology Mechanism, the Financial Mechanism and the legal form of the Agreed Outcome of the LCA process.

At the end of the meeting, both sides agreed that the Indo-US dialogue on Climate Change issues would be continued at the scientific level, the negotiators level and the Ministerial level.
