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Preparatory meeting between H.E. Deepak Bhojwani, Ambassador of India in Venezuela and H.E. Vice Minister for Asia, Middle East and Australia, for the First Meeting of the High Level Joint Commission India – Venezuela

Ambassador of India, Mr. Deepak Bhojwani, to make a balance of the agreements and decisions reached during the 1st High Level Meeting of the Joint Commission India – Venezuela, that took place in Caracas last August 31st to September 2nd .

During this meeting, The Ambassador of India received information on the 17 topics analyzed during the 1st High Level Meeting of the Joint Commission, in the areas of energy, infrastructure, agriculture, science and technology, trade, financing mechanisms and lines of credit, double taxation, health, consumer protection, mining, iron and steel industry, housing, defense, multilateral and Andean Community.

For Vice Minister Izarra, the follow up as well as development and strengthening prospects of that which was agreed upon, take us to a series of coordination activities that will allow the flow of the agreements, as well as strengthen the multipolar thesis of the national Government.

Likewise he indicated that they also revised some dates regarding the possible visit of President Hugo Chavez to India , or as manifested by Ambassador Bhojwani, the interest to visit Venezuela in May 2006, manifested by the President of India.

Ambassador Bhojwani said that he has been able to notice the interest towards Venezuela of both private and public sectors of his country. At the same time, he conveyed to Vice Minister Izarra, the gratitude of the Government of India for the agreement signed in 2003 between Intevep and Oil India Limited, which has resulted in the upcoming start of the drilling of an oil well, thanks to the technical assistance of Intevep.

On this particular, Vice Minister Izarra pointed out that the result of this agreement has allowed the opening of an extra heavy crude well, after two years of research and preparation, which is very important to India . For this reason the Government of India has invited the Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Oil to attend the inauguration ceremony.

Indian delegation headed by S.E. Mr. Rao Inderjit Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, visited Venezuela from August 31st to September 3rd, for the Inaugural Meeting of the High Level Joint Commission India - Venezuela

The First High Level Meeting of the Joint Commission between India and Venezuela was held in Caracas on 31st August to 1st September, 2005. The Indian delegation was led by Minister of State for External Affairs, H.E. Rao Inderjit Singh. The delegation consisted of Officials from the various Ministries of the Government of India as well as Senior Executives of private and public sector undertakings. The Venezuelan delegation was led by Foreign Minister, H.E. Dr. Ali Rodriguez Araque of the Government of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela .

The Joint Commission was set up under an agreement signed during the State visit of H.E. President Hugo Chavez Frias to India in March, 2005. The Joint Commission meeting covered a wide range of cooperation in various sectors including energy, poverty alleviation, railways, trade, science & technology and economic cooperation. The meeting emphasized India 's interest in Venezuelan oil and gas industry, particularly through agreements such as the one between ONGC (Videsh) Ltd. And PDVSA of Venezuela to exploit the heavy oil field of San Cristobal . The Venezuelan side also acknowledged India 's potential in the infrastructure through agreements such as the one between IRCON and Venezuelan Railway Authority.

The two Ministers signed an Agreement on Exemption of Visa Requirement in respect of Diplomatic and Official Passports of the two countries.

4. The Indian Minister visited Puerto Ordaz where he met with the Minister of Basic Industry and Mining, Dr. Victor Alvarez of Government of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and visited a Technology Demonstration Centre set up by India in Venezuela .

5. India and Venezuela enjoy very close and cordial ties, which have been strengthened by the bilateral visits.

6. Indian companies have shown interest in investment and joint ventures in Venezuela in oil and gas, mining, pharmaceutical and IT Sectors.

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The Viceminister of External Relations for Asia, Middle East and Australia, Mr. William Izarra, held a meeting last Wednesday with the Ambassador of India in Venezuela, Mr. Deepak Bhojwani to coordinate the different aspects relating to the celebration of the 1st Meeting of the High Level Joint Commission India - Venezuela, scheduled to take place on August 31st, 2005 in Caracas.

Gandhi Jayanti

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GANDHI JAYANTI

Caricuao - Caracas, October 2nd, 2005

The 136th Birthday anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi ◆Father of the Indian Nation ◆was celebrated by the Embassy of India in Caracas along with the Indian Association of Venezuela, leading gandhians and Venezuelan friends. The Ministry of Foreign Relations and local Authorities of the city, graciously provided assistance and a band for the function.

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Eventos culturales

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INNAUGURATION OF INDIAN CHAIR / STUDY COURSE



"INDIA IN THE XXist CENTURY"

UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANDES

H.E. Deepak Bhojwani, Ambassador of India to Venezuela and the Authorities of ULA (University of Los Andes) jointly innaugurated the Chair/Study Course on India "India in the XXist Century in the facilities of this univesity in Mérida, Venezuela. This event included the inauguration of the Photographic Exhibition of Mahatma Gandhi, a conference titled "Where is India Headed in the XXist Century", given by Ambassador Bhojwani and in the following days, a workshop called "India of Yesterday and Today, (Cultural Diversity , Contemporaneity and Art " took place and several documentaries on India were broadcasted over ULA TV.



The University Council approved on april 24th, 2006, the project for the Chair / Study Course "India in the XXist Century", presented by H.E. Ambassador Bhojwani during the baptism ceremony of the Autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi on November 14th, 2005.

This is the first time that an academic proposal is approved for the promotion of knowledge between India and Venezuela. The coordinator of the Chair / Study Course is Professor Hernan Lucena Molero, director of the Centre for African and Asian Studies of the ULA and the Technical Council is formed by Dr. Ismael Cejas Armas, Professor Elias capriles and Mrs. Maria Gabriela Mata, investigating members of the CAAS. It is available to all those who are interested in cooperating in the study and promotion of the relations between India and Venezuela.



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Ambassador Bhojwani

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56th REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA

Celebration of the 56th Anniversary of the Constitution of India

Quinta San Antonio, Caracas

January 26th, 2006

Words of H.E. Deepak Bhojwani, Ambassador of India to Venezuela:

Excellency,

Distinguished Ambassadors and Representatives of different countries assembled here,

Distinguished Representatives of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Friends,

The Embassy of India and I personally are grateful to you for your presence here today to commemorate the 56th anniversary of the Constitution of India, an event which introduced our ancient civilization into the modern world.

India commenced its national journey aware of several contradictions but, above all, conscious of the need to ensure that its vast and varied population integrate itself into a force for peace, stability and prosperity.

Today, we have come a long way from those early days and have proved that democracy can thrive in a multi-racial, multi-religious and multi-ethnic society. We are also grateful for the friendships that have been bestowed upon us across the world at large, and today's event in distant Venezuela is evidence of this fact.

Excellency, 2005 was a significant year in our bilateral relationship, with the visit of President Hugo Chavez Frias to India being the most significant of a series of bilateral exchanges of a political and economic nature. The seeds that have been sown as a result of these visits should yield fruits in the coming years, but already I can assure you that the Government of India looks upon Venezuela as a leading collaborator in its effort to establish a lasting and substantive partnership with Latin America .

The complementarities that exist between India and Venezuela go beyond mere natural resources. Our professionals, academicians, artists and people from all walks of life have much in common and much to offer each other. Last year India welcomed a significant number of Venezuelans who traveled to India for tourism, business and for technical and other professional courses. We expect to increase the number this year.

We also depend upon the active goodwill and extremely positive attitude of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to convert what are today extremely progressive ideas into bilateral agreements so that we can help each other in our common endeavour to develop our economies and simultaneously achieve a better understanding between both our cultures.

Excellency, I thank you again for your presence here, and indeed all of you who have honoured us with your attendance and wish you all a successful year.

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