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### **Remarks by Ambassador Powell at India-U.S. Homeland Security Dialogue, Police Chiefs Conference**

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Namaste, as-salaam alaikum, and good morning! Home Minister Shinde, Home Secretary Goswami, esteemed directors general, commissioners, chiefs of police, and participants, thank you for inviting me to provide remarks on this historic occasion. I am pleased to be here with you today to mark the opening of the first Indo-U.S. Policing Conference.

The United States and India have come incredibly far in a very short period of time to enhance jointly our security and law enforcement cooperation. Since the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Indian Ministry of Home Affairs established the first ministerial - level U.S.-India Homeland Security Dialogue in New Delhi in 2011, the United States and India have held over one hundred exchanges, training sessions and engagements. I have no doubt that this unprecedented partnership between the United States and India is just the beginning.

We are here today because the United States and India have so much in common. The U.S.-India relationship as a whole is a major priority of both of our nations, as was reiterated by President Obama and Prime Minister Singh in Washington, D.C. just this past September. Our overall relationship is robust, spanning the depth and breadth of our respective governments—everything from commerce and counterterrorism to education and energy—and cooperation in the homeland security context is one of the strongest pillars of this relationship. Ensuring domestic security is intrinsically important to each of our nations individually, to both of our nations together, and all nations collectively.

Today's policing conference is evidence not only of our mutual commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our populations, but is also a testament to the high value that we both place on the professionalism, the ability and the integrity of our respective police forces. Counterterrorism and law enforcement are top priorities for the U.S. mission in India.

Today's conference will be a dialogue—a sharing of best practices among peers. India's population is larger but we share similar security interests. Together we can help each other hone our skills, adopt new techniques, and better ensure the safety and security of our populations.

We are laying the groundwork to ensure that both nations can ensure that our homelands are safe, secure and resilient, regardless of the challenges that we will face. We look forward to continuing this exchange in the months and years to

come.

Thank you.



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