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India-Greece-Israel-Cyprus-UAE Collaboration in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea

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In 18 March 2015, I travelled to Jaipur, India to participate in an international conference on “Counterterrorism” organized by the Indian Foundation and I delivered an analysis on “illegal Migration, Organized Crime and Human Trafficking in Greece”.

During the conference, I created a network with Indian academicians, military, law -enforcement and security professionals that assisted me to comprehend the idiosyncrasies of the security environment regarding the complexities of the geoeconomic and geopolitical Indian military, security and political affairs.

In the Greek history, we studied Alexander the Great and how significant is the Indian culture and history in the world. Alexander the Great admired the Indian civilization. Greece is the birth of Democracy but India is the largest Democratic nation in the world.

After the completion of the international conference (18-21 March 2015, in Jaipur), I returned to Athens, Greece and I was very thrilled of my journey in India. I committed myself to work hard to enhance Greek-Indian Relations by structuring a “vision and strategy” for the next nine year.

I realized that the collaboration between Greece and India need to include a “semi-alliance of the India-Greece-Israel -Cyprus in the Eastern Mediterranean in the near future.”

Recently, the collaboration among *Saudi Arabia-Turkey-Pakistan (7 August 2026 at Mecca) requires India to take initiative on forming the “India-Greece-Israel Cyprus-United Arab Emirate (UAE) military-security- intelligence sharing coordination.*

After nine years of continuing hard work, my vision and strategy began to be implemented by a strengthened *Greece-India-Israel-Cyprus strategic partnership.*

Furthermore, I am very proud to observe that Indian fighter jets participated at the international military exercises held in a Greek Airforce base. This was the first time that Indian armed forces were stationed in Greece. Greek fighter jets participated in the Indian military exercise (“Tarang Shakti”) in September 2024 in India. Greece air-force fighter jets along with Australia,

Bangladesh, Singapore UAE, and the USA participated in the international military exercises at Jodhpur in Rajasthan. Furthermore, Greek and Indian authorities discussed thoroughly on the implementation of the India-Middle East, European Union Corridor (IMEC).

However, in a world that looks increasingly turbulent, and even unhinged, Greece and India enjoy excellent bilateral relations that date back to 1950. The Turko-Pakistani axis has emerged as a distinct Islamist terrorist threat to both Greece and India making Greek-Indian politico-economic and strategic cooperation a natural outcome of the desire of both countries to safeguard not only their own individual interests but, also, **international stability and security**.

Given Turkey's active role in Hamas – Israel war, its meddling in Libya, its disastrous terrorist role in the West Asia (Middle East (including Syria)), its hostility all Eastern Mediterranean countries, and its tin-horned “great power” posturing Ankara's love affair with nuclear-armed Pakistan acquires Orwellian potentialities. In view of these perilous developments, ***a strengthening India-Greece-Israel-Cyprus- UAE Partnership*** emerges as an urgent initiative. ***This idea is not new; it emerged as early as 2011.***

Greece-India-Israel-Cyprus and UAE discussing closer cooperation in military technology and analysts from the Research Institute for European and American Studies (RIEAS) suggested an active participation of the Indian Navy to the Mediterranean Sea for joint exercises.

As Raagini Sharma, RIEAS senior analyst has pointed out” according to **Maj Gen. (Dr.) G. D. Bakshi** “the alliance between Greece and India will be able to counter joint Turkish-Pakistan aggression”. In an interview with Director of RIEAS, Dr. John M Nomikos, Gen Bakshi aforementioned that “Turkey has gone insane, the whole world is not Turkey's property. Turkey's support toward terrorism (Hamas – USA, Israel war), Libya, and Syria portrays its inclination towards Khalifat (caliphate), and if it misbehaves there will be costs and consequences.

Nowadays, we lived in perilous times - terrorist acts in Kashmir, war in the Middle East (Hamas attack on Israel), Iran-USA war, Ukraine-Russian war, emerging of BRICS as a new multipolar factor in the international community, climate change, dehydration, **food and water crisis**, poverty, **illegal immigration, human trafficking (the Ceuta incident)** increase of terrorism and antisemitism in Europe establish a dangerous, escalating social and political turmoil.

Last but not least, **Greece-India-Israel- Cyprus and UAE** must work productively together with the United States, European Union member states, Canada, and other nation states in the region to **prevent emerging threats and provide stability and peace in the Eastern Mediterranean region**.