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**MoU Signed between Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)
and Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS)**

(MoU Signed at ICWA, New Delhi on 11 December 2012)



The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi, has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS), Tehran for promoting and reinforcing cooperation, mutual exchange of views and information, improvement of research and academic programmes, and also exchange of experts and researchers.

ICWA is India's unique, prestigious and oldest think tank in the field of foreign policy. Established in 1943, it is devoted to the study, research, debate, crafting of policy options and dissemination of knowledge in regard to India's role in international affairs. The (IPIS) was founded in September 1983 in Tehran as one of the first think tanks in Iran after the Islamic Revolution in 1979 with the task of leading and encouraging the study and research on issues relevant to the foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The signing ceremony was done at ICWA, New Delhi on 11 December 2012 in the presence of the Indian and Iranian delegates. For the signing of the MoU, ICWA was represented by its Director General, Shri Rajiv Kumar Bhatia while IPIS was represented by its Director General, Dr. Mostafa Dolatyar.

Through this MoU, the two think tanks agreed to exchange their experts and researchers, conduct joint research programmes and exchange their publications. The purpose of cooperation between IPIS and ICWA is to improve academic and scholarly interactions amongst them, to promote and intensify the friendship and the mutual understanding between the people of the two countries in general and the two think tanks in particular.
