



(Picture, from left to right: Mrs and Ambassador Bhatia, Secretary-General and Mrs Ban, and Ambassador C.R. Gharekhan former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations)

Delivering the 13th Sapru House UN Lecture hosted by the Indian Council for World Affairs (ICWA) on 12 January 2015, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon touched upon a wide spectrum of the India-UN relationship including terrorism, nuclear responsibility, women's rights and sustainable development.

The Indian Council of World Affairs is the oldest and a premier foreign policy think tank of India. "It has been striving ceaselessly since 1943 to conduct and promote the study, policy research, external dialogue and various kinds of outreach activities, focused on interpreting the world to India and India to the world. In our scheme of things, the United Nations enjoys paramount importance, given the role it plays in the pursuit of causes, central to its *raison d'être*, namely international peace and security, justice, human rights, sustainable development and social progress. In this context, I am happy to share with you that ICWA has recently become a

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member of the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI). We intend to cooperate closely with UNAI to support the activities of the United Nations in India. We look forward to the world body celebrating the seventy years of its existence and development in the coming months”, observed Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia, Director General, ICWA.
