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Opening Remarks

by

Ambassador Nalin Surie

Director General, ICWA

at

Lecture

by

Ambassador Samantha Power

Permanent U.S. Representative to the United Nations

on

“Effective Peacekeeping in the 21st Century”

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I would request all present to join me in observing one-minute silence as a tribute to those killed and wounded during the dastardly terrorist attacks in Paris last Friday. There is also a siege under way in Mali and we hope that will end peacefully and without loss of life.

Thank you,

Ambassador Power will speak on a subject of very considerable topical importance viz “Towards More Effective Peacekeeping in the 21st Century”.

As a representative of, arguably, the most important member of the UNSC, her views are of particular interest to us in India.



Ambassador Nalin Surie, DG, ICWA welcoming Ambassador Samantha Power

India’s commitment to international peace and security and to UNPKO’s is second to none. We are I believe, cumulatively the single largest contributor to UNPKOs. Even today, we have 7800 personnel deployed across nine missions.

India has since the early 1990s sought for Troop Contributing Countries to be given a substantive role in UNPKO decision making, mandates and rules of engagement. There have since been some relatively small changes but the debate on the substance continues. Hence for us the importance of the views and thoughts which Ambassador Power will share with us today.

Ambassador the floor is yours.
