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**ICWA-MGIMO Conference
on
India-Russia Partnership**

A seven-member ICWA delegation led by Director General, ICWA, Ambassador Rajiv Bhatia, will participate in a ICWA-MGIMO Conference from May 21-22, 2013 in Moscow. The ICWA and The Moscow State Institute of Internal Relations (MGIMO), a prominent and highly influential Russian think tank, will hold deliberations of Track II genre on 'New Contours of India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Relationship' and examine how to reinvigorate the bilateral relationship, and imbue it with greater relevance. A candid exchange of views on the contemporary international architecture, marked by multi-polarity and ascent of emerging powers, will foster a greater understanding of each other's changing perspectives on global and regional challenges.

The Russian strategic community has evinced keen interest in discussing comprehensively, with their Indian counterparts, the dynamics of the changing world order and the role of the two countries therein. The ICWA-MGIMO Conference will offer an excellent opportunity for a close look at such issues.

The ICWA delegation, which includes noted area specialists and academics will also have an opportunity to interact with another reputed Russian think tank, namely the Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC).
