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Talk by **Mr. Antonio Guterres**, former Prime Minister of Portugal and former Chairman, UNHCR, present Secretary General, United Nations

Chaired by **Ambassador Nalin Surie**, DG, ICWA

22 July 2016

The talk "The International Situation and Present Challenges of Forced Displacements" was chaired by Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs. While welcoming the guests and the speakers the chair introduced Mr. António Guterres as an European politician who has extensive experience in Portuguese politics, EU politics and the UN system and who was later selected as the present UN Secretary General.

Mr. António Guterres stated that in the recent past there is a huge surge in forced displacement, primarily caused by conflict and natural disasters. For example, globally 80% of the people are forced to move due to conflicts and 20% due to natural disasters. Migration in today's world is seen as a problem. However, migration also seen as a part of the solution. If migration is a necessity, then it is better to have it organized, which means we need more opportunities for legal migration. Asymmetric globalization is one of the reasons why global development is unfair.

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- First 'India China Think-Tanks Forum'

Multiplication of conflicts most of which are inter-connected and threatens global security is causing forced migration and staggeringly escalating the rate of displaced persons. Displacement is also caused by natural causes and in effect also manmade causes. Those who are displaced by conflicts and cross borders are considered as refugees and are protected by internationally organized system. But those displaced due to natural disasters stay within the boundaries of a country and do not have any protection regime available to them. Refugee flow to Europe, firstly, is the result of lack of preventive measures in place in countries facing conflict. And secondly, lack of effective refugee protection measures such as proper reception facilities and refugee distribution in European countries based on the capacity of each State, is an issue that is coming in the way of refugee protection.

On effective handling of refugee situation, Mr. Guterres, first there is a need to increase the level of prevention in a comprehensive way. Comprehensive prevention is related to poverty, inequality, development, human rights and development of institutions. Secondly, there is a need to increase the levels of support to displaced population.

Much more international support is needed for resettlement of refugees. Thirdly, in many countries refugee protection is difficult to deliver as public opinion may go against it. Therefore States will have to develop effective mechanisms to deal with refugees. Finally, providing conditions for integration can be another solution. The issue requires political will and economic resources.

Inaugural Session with Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, Niti Aayog

National Seminar on 'India and the Ocean Economy'

11-12th July 2016

The Indian Council of World Affairs organised a two day National Seminar of 'India and the Ocean Economy' on July 11-12th, 2016 at Sapru House, New Delhi. Scholars and experts from various parts of the country participated and attended the two day seminar. The presentations and discussions during the two – day seminar was structured along various sub-themes which catered to a general overview; Ocean Minerals, Sea-bed mining and Ocean Energy; Fisheries & Aquaculture; Shipping & Ports and Marine Tourism, and; Ocean Governance, Maritime Security and International Cooperation. The Opening session was chaired by Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA, and the keynote address was delivered by Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, Niti Aayog. The other dignitaries attending the seminar were Dr. Rahul Sharma, , National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Dr. SA Sannasiraj, Professor, Department of Ocean Engineering, Dr.Swathi Lekshmi Scientist, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Shri Aditya K. Joshi, Joint Secretary (Fy.), Department of Animal Husbandry, Shri Rabindra Kumar Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Shri Suman Billa, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and a number of scholars and practitioners. The Valedicatory address was given by Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (West), MEA, GOI.

Book Discussion on "A Life in Diplomacy" authored by Amb. M.K. Rasgotra, Former Foreign Secretary

July 5, 2016

A discussion on the book titled "A Life in Diplomacy" authored by Amb. M.K. Rasgotra, former Foreign Secretary was organised at the Indian Council of World Affairs on July 5, 2016. The discussion was chaired by Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA. Amb. S.K. Lambah, Amb. R.N. Prasad and Shri K.P. Nayar, consulting editor, the Telegraph, participated as discussants.

Amb. M.K. Rasgotra spoke about the formative days of Indian foreign policy. He noted that though Nehru was not a diplomat by training he was a great political thinker and statesman.

Amb. Rasgotra noted that relations with Nepal remain complicated along with relations with Pakistan.

Amb. S.K. Lambah noted that 'principles and pragmatism' makes a successful foreign policy. He praised Amb. Rasgotra, exalting his stature as a diplomat. He highlighted that the book has picked up nations like Turkey, UK, US, Afghanistan and narrated their relations with India.

Shri K.P.Nayar articulated that the book provides 'behind the scenes look'. He was also of view that though dynamics of Indian Foreign Service has transformed but not much has changed in Indian foreign policy. The last discussant Amb. R.N. Prasad highly praised the book for its contents, nuggets of information, the portion dealing with Pakistan and analysis and assessment. He asserted that author has absolved Nehru from the Kashmir blame a bit too easily. He emphasised that like many others, Amb. Rasgotra also belongs to Nehruvian school of thought. The discussion was followed by question and answer session.

Two day meeting of Heads of Think-Tanks of India and Russia

22-23 September 2016.

The Indian Council of World Affairs, supported by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), headed the delegation of eight leading Indian think-tanks namely Delhi Policy Group (DPG), New Delhi, Institute of Defence Studies & Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru, Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF), New Delhi and Gateway House, Mumbai for the first round of India-Russia Heads of Think-Tanks Meet in Moscow that was held on 22-23 September 2016.

The local Russian coordinator for the event was the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), a MoU partner of the Council.

From the Russian side, Council on Foreign and Defense Policy, Centre for Global Problems, Institute of Africa and Asian Studies of Moscow State University, Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Science, Russian Institute for Strategic Studies, Analytical Centre were the think tanks along with the various departments of MGIMO that participated in the two-day meeting.

The objective of the two-day meeting was to enhance the relationship between the two countries. The event, with the active support of both the governments, was conducted keeping in mind the outcome with possible positive feedbacks to strengthen the India-Russia time-tested and special strategic partnership. The deliberations between both sides during the meeting were held in a free and frank manner aimed at understanding and appreciating each other's perspectives and concerns.

Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA along with delegates in Moscow

International Conference
"**Focus Latin America: The Need for an Effective Programme**"
Sapru House, New Delhi
24-25 October, 2016.

The Indian Council of World Affairs organised a two day International Conference on 'Focus Latin America: The Need for an Effective Programme' on October 24-25th 2016 at Sapru House, New Delhi. Scholars and experts from India as well as Latin American nations participated and attended the two day international conference.

The presentations and discussions during the two – day seminar were structured along various sub-themes which catered to a general overview; building economic and trade complementarities; Regional groupings – Towards Convergence; Environment And Climate Change; Soft power: Cultural & Social Interactions And Diaspora & Interlined Identities; Challenges of Growth And Development, and; the Concluding Session. The Opening session was chaired by Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA, and the keynote address was delivered by Ms. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The opening remarks were given by H E Mr. Hans Dannenberg Castellanos, Ambassador of Dominican Republic to New Delhi and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps of LAC nations, New Delhi.

Ms. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs delivering Keynote Address at the Inaugural Session.

The other dignitaries attending the seminar were Prof. Carlos Alberto Aquino Rodriguez (Peru), Mr. Camilo Alberto Perez Restrepo (Colombia), Ambassador Sergio Eduardo Moreira Lima (President, FUNAG), Ms. Olga Chamero (Cuba), Dr. Juan Miguel Massot (CARI, Argentina), Mr. Marcos Centurion Vicencio (FUNAG, Brazil), Mrs. Yomayra Martinó Soto (FUNGLODE, Dominican Republic), Ambassador Sergio Ley (Vice President Comexi, Mexico), Ambassador (Retired) Pedro Gonzalez Rubio Sanchez (University of Mexico (U.N.A.M.), Mexico), Dr. Lia Rodriguez de la Vega (CARI, Argentina), Ms. Stephanie Rodríguez

(FUNGLODE, Dominican Republic), Dr. Soraya Caro (Colombia). Indian scholars and presenters included Ambassador. Ashok Tomar, Dr. Pankaj Jha (ICWA), Mr. Hari Seshasayee (CII), Prof. Aprajita Gangopadhayay (Goa University), Ms. Huma Sidiqqui (special correspondent with Indian Express for LAC region), Ambassador R. Rajagopalan (Former High Commissioner to Guyana and Ambassador to Cuba), Dr. Aprajita Kashyap (JNU), Dr. Stuti Banerjee & Ms. Aparaajita Pandey (ICWA), Dr Sonya Surabhi Gupta (Jamia Millia Islamia University), Prof. A b d u l Nafey (JNU), Dr. Priti Singh (JNU), Ambassador Deepak Bhojwani and Ambassador R. Vishwanathan along with many more scholars and practitioners. The two day conference concluded with comments, suggestions, and recommendations by the honourable Chairs of the five sessions.

Shri Piyush Srivastava, Joint Secretary, ICWA speaking at the Inaugural Session.

International Seminar on "Heart of Asia" Sapru House, New Delhi, 10-11 November, 2016

The Indian Council of World Affairs organised a two day International Seminar on 'Heart of Asia' on November 10-11 2016 at Sapru House, New Delhi. Scholars and experts from India as well as Heart of Asia (HoA) member countries participated and attended the two day international Seminar, except Pakistan and UAE, who were represented by their missions in New Delhi.

The presentations and discussions during the two – day seminar was structured along various sub-themes which catered to a general overview; Afghanistan's Development – Role of Heart of Asia Members; Status of CBMs; Integrating Afghanistan: Promoting Connectivity; Progress on Counter Terrorism Efforts in Afghanistan; Promoting Regional Stability and Security, and; the Concluding session.

The Opening session was chaired by Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA, and the keynote address was delivered by Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India. Special remarks were given by H.E. Shaida Mohammad Abdali, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, New Delhi. The other dignitaries attending the seminar were M. Ashraf Haidari (Kabul), Prof. Erdal Tanas Karagöl (Ankara), Prof. Qian Xuemei (Beijing), Mr. Marlen Sugralinov (Almaty), Dr. Anna Glazova (Moscow), Mr. Guvanch Akmammedov, First Secretary and Head of Countries of Middle East Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Mohamad Sorkhabi (Tehran), Prof. Andrei Kazantsev (Moscow), Dr. Javid Valiyev (Baku), Mr. Shelar Geldinazarov (Turkmenistan), Prof. Gulomsafdar Rajabekov (Tajikistan)

Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs delivering Keynote Address at the Inaugural Session.

Prof. Umarov Khojamahmad, Head of Department of Macroeconomic Research, Institute of Economic Study, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (Tajikistan), Ms. Ainur Dzhorobekova, Head, Department of International Relations and Law, Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mrs. Irina Orolbaeva, Faculty of the Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Mohsen Rouhisefat, Deputy Director General, Institute for Political and International Studies, Tehran, Eng. Bandar al Obaid, Deputy Director, Saudi Fund for Development, Ambassador Satish Chandra, Prof. D. Suba Chandran, Professor, National Institute of Advance Studies, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, Ambassador T.C.A. Raghavan, Prof. Ram Upendra Das, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, Ambassador Jayant Prasad, Dr. Ambrish Dhaka, Associate Professor, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Dr. Smita Tiwary, Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, Dr. Praveen Swami, Consulting Editor, Indian Express, Dr. Athar Zafar, Research Fellow, ICWA, New Delhi, along with many more scholars and practitioners. The two day conference concluded with the outcome laid out by Shri Piyush Srivastava, Joint Secretary, ICWA, the concluding remarks being given by Shri Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA and the vote of thanks given by Dr. Nihar Ranjan Das, Research Fellow, ICWA.

Fourth 'India-Central Asia Dialogue'
Sapru House, New Delhi
1-2 December, 2016

Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India delivering the Keynote Address at the Inaugural Session of the Dialogue

Fourth 'India-Central Asia Dialogue'

Sapru House, New Delhi
1-2 December, 2016

The Indian Council of World Affairs organised a two day Fourth India-Central Asia Dialogue on December 1-2nd 2016 at Sapru House, New Delhi. Scholars and experts from India as well as Central Asian countries participated and attended the two day international conference.

The presentations and discussions during the two – day seminar was structured along various sub-themes which catered to a general overview; India-Central Asia amid Changing Global Dynamics; India in Regional Integration & Multilateral Processes; India-Central Asia: Building Energy & Surface Transport Connectivity: Regional Security Situation: Changing Threat Perceptions; India-Central Asia: Finding Economic, Political and Cultural Compatibility and; the valedictory session.

Chairs, presenters and discussants from the Central Asian countries included Prof. Laura Yerekesheva (Kazakhstan), H.E. Aslzoda Emomiddin Muhriddin (Tajikistan), Ms. Evgeniy Nikolaevich Kablukov (Kyrgyzstan), Mrs. Zilola Karimova (Uzbekistan), Mr. Iskander Akylbayev (Kazakhstan), H.E. Mr. Askar Aitmatov (Kyrgyz Republic), Mr. G. Ballyyev (Turkmenistan), Prof. Laura Yerekesheva (Kazakhstan), Mr. Shokhrukh Shogiyosov (Uzbekistan), Mr. D. Pomanov (Turkmenistan), H.E. Aslzoda Emomiddin Muhriddin (Tajikistan), Dr. Hakim Abdullohi Rahnamo (Tajikistan), Mr. Zhumabek Sarabekov (Kazakhstan), Mirshohid Aslanov (Uzbekistan) along with others.

The Indian participants in the Dialogue were Dr. Indrani Talukdar (ICWA), Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bhattacharjee (ICWA), Dr. Avinash Godbole (ICWA), Prof. Tabasum Firdous (University of Kashmir), Dr. Zakir Hussain & Dr. Athar Zafar (ICWA), Professor Sanjay Deshpande (University of Mumbai), Ms. Lydia Powell (ORF), Dr. Sanghamitra Sarma (ICWA), Prof. Mahavir Singh (Gautam Buddha University), Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar (India), along with many more scholars and practitioners.

It should be noted that the entire dialogue was live web casted, even having the scope of interaction.

Talk by H.E. Mr. Kim Won-Soo, Under Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

August 29 2016

Talk by H.E. Prof. George Katrougalos, Alternate Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece "Europe in front of new challenges"

November 23, 2016

First 'India China Think-Tanks Forum'
Sapru House, New Delhi
9-10 December, 2016

Shri M.J Akbar, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India, Foreign Secretary of India, S. Jaishankar, along with Chinese and Indian Delegations in the Inaugural and various Sessions of the First 'India China Think-Tanks Forum' in ICWA, Sapru House

About **ICWA**

The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) is India's oldest foreign policy Think Tank, specializing in foreign and security policy issues. It was established before the independence of India in 1943 by a group of eminent intellectuals under the inspiration of Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister. The Indian Council of World Affairs has been declared an "institution of national importance" by an Act of Parliament in 2001.

The Council conducts policy research through its in-house faculty as well as external experts. It regularly organizes an array of intellectual activities including conferences, seminars, round table discussions, lectures and publication. It maintains a landmark and well established library, website and a journal named 'India Quarterly'. It is engaged in raising public awareness about India's role in international affairs and offers to the Government and civil society policy models and strategies, and serves as a platform for multi track dialogues and interaction with other foreign Think Tanks.

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