India attaches great importance to engaging and working with the younger generation to raise awareness of and find innovative solutions to issues of disarmament and arms control, and to make a lasting contribution to international peace and security.

India accords high priority to promoting arms control, disarmament and international security education. In line with the emphasis that the tenth special session of the General Assembly placed on promoting expertise in disarmament and empowering our younger generations.

In this regard, the Annual Disarmament and International Security Affairs Fellowship, launched by India in 2019, has been well received by various Member States, particularly the younger generation of diplomats. The fellowship programme aims to raise awareness and exchange views among young officials from across the world on issues related to contemporary disarmament, non-proliferation, arms control and international security affairs. It features talks, presentations and simulation exercises by leading experts on a range of subjects, such as the global security environment, weapons of mass destruction, certain conventional weapons, space security, security of cyberspace, export controls and emerging technologies.

The latest edition i.e. 4th edition of the fellowship programme was held from 22 January to 9 February 2024 at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, New Delhi with participation of 24 young diplomats, representing different countries, cutting across geographies.

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