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Fourth Round of India- Tunisia Foreign Office Consultations, 30th April 2021

The 4th round of the India-Tunisia Foreign Office Consultations was held on 30th April 2021 in a virtual mode. The Indian delegation was led by H.E. Sanjay Bhattacharyya (Secretary CPV & OIA) while the Tunisian delegation was led by Secretary of State H.E. Mohamed Ali Nafti. Senior officials from both side including the Ambassador of India in Tunisia H.E Puneet R. Kundal and the Ambassador of Tunisia in India H.E Hayet Talbi participated in the meeting.

Both sides comprehensively reviewed the current status of bilateral relations in all fields including political, economic, cultural, trade and consular. Detailed discussions were held on further strengthening of the bilateral relations and the future direction of the growth of bilateral cooperation. The Tunisian side expressed their happiness and support for the celebration of 75 years of Indian Independence that will be celebrated in 2021-2022. The Indian side welcomed the decision of Tunisia to join the International Solar Alliance.

Both sides noted the upward trend in the trade volumes between the two countries and agreed to take all possible steps to promote bilateral trade & investment including enhancing cooperation in the fields of renewable energy, infrastructure, transport and automobiles, textiles, agriculture, drugs & pharmaceuticals, healthcare, ICT, SMEs and energy among others.

There was a discussion on respective approaches to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 pandemic. While noting with appreciation the cooperation on COVID-19 related issues both sides agreed to further enhance their cooperation in their fight against this dangerous pandemic.

As members of UNSC, the two sides also had an in-depth exchange of views on regional and international issues of mutual interest underscoring the commonality of views between the two sides on global issues.

Both sides agreed on the importance of continuing the upward momentum in the relationship through exchange of regular visits and consultations, and agreed to hold the next Joint Commission meeting at Ministerial level in New Delhi at a mutually convenient date.

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