



Quad Foreign Ministers' Meet 2023

The Foreign Ministers' of Australia, India, Japan and the US met in New Delhi on March 03, 2023 for the Quadrilateral Group's Foreign Ministers' meet. The meet, which was presided by the Indian External Affairs Minister, announced the establishment of a Working Group on Counter-Terrorism in sharpening of the group's focus to combat terror. Additionally, the meet reaffirmed the group's steadfast commitment to supporting a free and open Indo-Pacific, which is inclusive and resilient.

The Australian Foreign Minister praised India as a "critical, great power" and said the country's civilisation prowess brought a fresh perspective on dealing with current issues. This edition of CUTS ONW collates news, op-eds and commentaries on this Foreign Ministers' Meet.

News/Op-ed	Key Takeaway
<p>Hard security back in focus at the Quad Foreign Ministers meet <i>Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan</i> The Diplomat March 08, 2023</p>	<p>The Quad is regaining its security salience with the joint statement reiterating the importance of political and hard security issues, including maritime security, counterterrorism, and cyber security, though Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) continues on the agenda.</p>
<p>For Quad, challenge is to frame rules of cooperation in a polarised global order <i>Deep Pal</i> The Indian Express March 07, 2023</p>	<p>India will need to ensure that the interests of the Global South including states in its neighbourhood are respected. For one, India has articulated its aim to stand for the aspirations of the Global South in the G20. Chinese claims about a "win-win" international order and their characterisation of the Quad as an "exclusionary bloc" have had considerable traction in Africa, Latin America, and parts of Asia where it has created inroads over the last decade.</p>
<p>Quad not turning into Indo-Pacific NATO <i>The Print</i> March 06, 2023</p>	<p>Australian High Commissioner Barry O'Farrell on March 06, 2023 said that the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) is a strategic security dialogue between Australia, India, Japan and the United States and is not turning into Indo-Pacific NATO. The Quad is not a military grouping, said US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, adding it is now engaged in working together to help countries to deal with humanitarian situations in natural disasters.</p>
<p>Quad setting itself up as core of divisive, disruptive 'Asian NATO' <i>ChinaDaily.com.cn</i> March 06, 2023</p>	<p>Indeed, the Quad meeting shows that a NATO- style gang is being formed in the Asia-Pacific with the four as a geopolitical tool of Washington, a means-to-end for Japan, hedging-its-bets for a speculative India and an OK-I-am-in Australia, which doesn't want to be left out of anything led by the US.</p>

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<p>'Quad' ministers vow to address challenges in South and East China seas The Japan Times March 03, 2023</p>	<p>The Foreign Ministers of India, Japan, the US and Australia pledged to address maritime challenges in the South and East China seas, in a display of solidarity against Beijing's military assertiveness in the region. The four Indo-Pacific democracies, collectively known as "the Quad," also voiced their concern about "the militarisation of disputed features" and "the dangerous use of coast guard vessels and maritime militia" in the area.</p>
<p>Japan-Comoros Foreign Ministers' Meeting The Guardian March 03, 2023</p>	<p>Hayashi Yoshimasa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan stated that Russia's aggression against Ukraine is outrageous act that shakes the very foundation of the international order. He welcomed the fact that Comoros voted in favour of UN resolutions related to Ukraine adopted on February 23 and stated that it is important for the international community to send a clear message to Russia that we are seriously concerned about Russia's nuclear threat.</p>
<p>Joint Statement of the Quad Ministerial Meeting in New Delhi U.S. Embassy & Consulates in India March 03, 2023</p>	<p>The following is the joint statement released by the Secretary of State of the US and the Foreign Ministers of Australia, India, and Japan: We, the Foreign Ministers of Australia, India and Japan and the Secretary of State of the US met in New Delhi, India, for the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting. Our meeting today reaffirms the Quad's steadfast commitment to supporting a free and open Indo-Pacific, which is inclusive and resilient.</p>
<p>Quad Foreign Ministers reaffirm commitment to free, open Indo-Pacific United News of India March 03, 2023</p>	<p>Foreign Ministers of the Quad nations – India, Australia, Japan and the US reaffirmed that the grouping is a force for regional and global good and its commitment toward an inclusive, resilient, free and open Indo-Pacific. The grouping also reiterated its conviction that the Quad, acting as a force for regional and global good, will be guided by the priorities of the Indo-Pacific region.</p>
<p>Quad, wary of China's might, pushes Indo-Pacific option <i>Matthew Lee</i> Mudgee Guardian March 03, 2023</p>	<p>The top diplomats of Australia, India, Japan and the US say their Indo-Pacific focused bloc is not aimed at countering China but they have released a statement reflecting growing unease over China's influence in the region. The four Foreign Ministers barely mentioned China by name and insisted the so-called Quad is designed to boost their own national interests.</p>
<p>Quad Foreign Ministers take aim at Russia and China <i>Suhasini Haidar and Ananth Krishnan</i> The Hindu March 03, 2023</p>	<p>In the first such statement by the grouping that is seen to criticise both Russia and China. The statement, that was released after the Quad Foreign Ministers' (Paywall) meeting hosted by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in Delhi, was met with sharp responses from both Russia and China, who called the Quad grouping disruptive and "exclusionary".</p>

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