



## Progress Report: October to December 2020

**This Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) captures the progress of CUTS WDC, since its launch in April 2018, and provides an overview of activities (research and outreach) that have been undertaken. This Report covers the October-December, 2020 (Q11) period.**

**Your comments/inputs are welcome!**

**WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!**

### RESEARCH

- 1. Monthly Brief:** Each month, the Center disseminates a monthly brief, which is a collation of global news stories and opinions with respect to its focus work areas: Trade, Energy and Strategic Issues, in the context of Indo-U.S. relations with an ‘Editor’s Note’ on a trending and critical issue of the month. (<https://bit.ly/32gl0sF>)
- 2. Occasional News Wrap:** A synopsis of news stories and opinions on specific yet trending issues of geo-economic, geo-political and geo-strategic importance has been introduced as ONW. In total, 03 ONWs were developed during the reporting period. (<https://bit.ly/2Xld9oS>)
- 3. Policy Note:** Two page Policy Notes on contemporary issues with respect to the Center’s focus work areas published during the reporting period:
  - a. Imperative of Resurrecting Multilateralism?** - PN#18 (<https://bit.ly/2XnLAXG>)

### OUTREACH

- 1. Website:** The Center’s website is regularly updated (<http://cuts-wdc.org>)
- 2. Email Forum:** 4465 Members and counting....
- 3. Social Media:** 208 Followers on [Twitter](#) and 180 Likes on [Facebook Page](#).

## EVENTS

1. Webinar on “**India-UK Trade and Economic Cooperation in the Context of Developments in the Indo-Pacific Region**”, December 15, 2020: (<https://bit.ly/38meqoA>)

2. Webinars on ‘**Imperative of Resurrecting Multilateralism**’, September 2020 (Reporting in this quarter as details were posted later): (<https://bit.ly/38oQC3q>)

Issue Note: (<https://bit.ly/2MKJK8c>)

3. **Explainer: India-U.S. ties, 2+2 ministerial dialogue and the context of China - An Indian Perspective and An American Perspective**

We are excited to kick start CUTS Adda- '5 minutes gripping and meaningful conversation' with Kanwal Sibal, Former Foreign Secretary of India. The conversation unfolds an Indian perspective of the third 2+ 2 ministerial dialogue between India and U.S, and discusses it in the context of China." Watch the full interview at: <https://youtu.be/AJeTNCb5Qdc>

While our first interview on India-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue reflects an Indian perspective but that is not complete until we bring to you an American perspective as well. So in this series, here is our second interview that captures an American perspective on the 2+2 dialogue by Frank Wisner, Former United States Ambassador to India. Watch this short and pithy conversation at: [https://youtu.be/CLRkVFrZ\\_18](https://youtu.be/CLRkVFrZ_18)

## IN MEDIA

[India-UK to focus on five themes for 10-year roadmap in strategic partnership](#) - The Economic Times, December 15, 2020

## MISCELLANEOUS

1. A list of **International Advisory Board** members can be accessed at - (<http://bit.ly/2CAJ25H>)

2. A list of **Management Board** members can be accessed at – (<https://bit.ly/2MU2u2j>)

*Mr. Udai Mehta has moved on from CUTS International and joined Amazon India as Senior Manager, Public Policy. Mr. Pradeep Mehta has taken over his place as a Member, Management Board.*

3. The **past Quarterly Progress Reports**, can be downloaded from this link - (<https://bit.ly/2K0NOiI>)

4. The Center has been duly incorporated with the Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations Division (<https://bit.ly/2YvRvlc>)

The registration process is underway.