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India to support a stable maritime environment in Asia

Description

As China pushes to lay claim over the South China Sea, India went out on a limb and said that it supports a stable maritime environment in Asia, which includes the right of maritime passage and unhindered commerce that can be possible by the international law.

Dinkar Khullar, secretary (West) in the external affairs ministry, said India "recognises the priority needed to consider new approaches within the overall framework of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) to promote international cooperation for the sustainable use of living resources of the high seas as well as mutually beneficial sharing of seabed resources located in areas beyond national jurisdiction".

Khullar addressed the fourth summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and congratulated China for assuming the chair of CICA and also welcomed Bangladesh and Qatar as the grouping's newest members.

The Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) is an inter-governmental forum for enhancing cooperation towards promoting peace, security and stability in Asia. It is a forum based on the recognition that there is close link between peace, security and stability in Asia and in the rest of the world.

The idea of convening the CICA was first proposed by Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev on 5 October 1992, at the 47th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

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