AMBASSADOR ASOKE KUMAR MUKERJI PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL H.E. MR. BAN KI- MOON TODAY [APRIL 16, 2013]

Ambassador Asoke Kumar Mukerji, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, presented his credentials today (16 April) to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the UN Headquarters in New York.

Receiving his credentials, the UN Secretary General welcomed his appointment as the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations and lauded India’s role at the United Nations as a long trusted partner of the multilateral system.

Ambassador Asoke Mukerji reiterated India’s strong commitment to the United Nations and assured him of his fullest support in helping the UN achieve the five 'generational' opportunities the UN Secretary General had set out at the commencement of his second term.

Prior to his appointment in New York, Ambassador Mukerji was Special Secretary (Political) in the Ministry of External Affairs looking after India’s strategic and security policy consultations in its immediate and extended neighbourhood. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1978 and his brief curriculum vitae is enclosed.

Ambassador Asoke Kumar Mukerji is India’s 20th Permanent Representative at the United Nations in New York and succeeds Ambassador Hardeep Singh Puri who demitted office on 28 February 2013. After presentation of his credentials today, Ambassador Mukerji delivered his first statement at the United Nations during the Ninth Round of Intergovernmental Negotiations on UN Security Council reforms, which is also enclosed.

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