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## ASEM Is A Dynamic Bridge Between Asia And Europe

### Vice President Of India

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**USPA NEWS** - The Vice President, Mr. M. Hamid Ansari with other leaders in a family photo, at the 11th ASEM Summit, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on July 15, 2016.

India Was Confident That ASEM's Role Can Be Elevated To Harness The Collective Capabilities Of Two Dynamic Continents: Vice President

The Vice President of India, Mr. M. Hamid Ansari has said that India was confident that ASEM's role can be elevated to harness the collective capabilities of two dynamic continents for the shared peace, progress and prosperity of our countries and regions. He was addressing the Plenary of the 11th ASEM Summit being held in Ulaanbaater, Mongolia on July 15, where he is leading the Indian delegation. He said that ASEM today is a dynamic bridge between Asia and Europe and our shared endeavour has been to promote multi-dimensional connectivity between our continents.

The Vice President said that physical connectivity is merely the means to meeting the aspirations of our citizens; to building mutually beneficial partnerships, and to collectively addressing our regional and global challenges. The networks of connectivity must also include institutional, digital, economic and socio-cultural aspects, he added.

Addressing the issue of terrorism, the Vice President said that our societies today face unprecedented levels of threat from terrorism in all its manifestations with the most recent example being what has happened, most unfortunately in France. He said that we need to cooperate meaningfully to deal with this threat.

He urged the ASEM to pledge to work together to erase the scourge of terrorism by taking speedy action against the perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of terror, pointing out that the early adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism under the aegis of the UN is an imperative today.

The Vice president said that ASEM should also collaborate to protect our global commons such as the seas and oceans in accordance with international conventions, urging ASEM members to resolve disputes peacefully, without threats or use of force, and exercise self-restraint in the conduct of activities that could escalate disputes effecting peace and stability.

As a State Party to the UNCLOS, India urges all parties to show utmost respect for the UNCLOS, which establishes the international legal order of the seas and oceans, the Vice President added.

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