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First India-Chile Joint Commission Meeting

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The First India-Chile Joint Commission Meeting was held virtually on 16 October 2020. It was co-chaired by Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of Republic of India (EAM) and H.E. Mr. Andrés Allamand Zavala, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Chile.

Both sides noted that the Joint Commission was a significant development in India – Chile relations, being the first institutionalized dialogue between the two countries at the level of Foreign Ministers.

India welcomed Chile's decision to designate India as a priority country in its foreign policy. Chile will also be opening its Consulate General in Mumbai.

Taking stock of the bilateral relations, both sides reviewed the recent developments in India-Chile relations. Both sides discussed the future trajectory of their wide-ranging engagements. They agreed to add new momentum to the relations of the two countries in the fields of Trade and Commerce, Agriculture, Health & Social Security, Defence, Space, Science & Technology, Energy, Mining, Culture & Education, Disaster Management and cooperation in Antarctica amongst others.

The two sides exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest, especially in the context of the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. EAM underlined Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat for enhancing resilience through self-reliance and human-centric globalization as the basis for India's economic revival. He invited Chile to take advantage of India's new economic capacities and growing market.

Based on their convergence of views on many global and regional issues, both sides agreed to coordinate closely at the multilateral fora.