

**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS VICTORIA—
CONSUMER UNITY AND TRUST SOCIETY**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made and entered into as of 1st September
2025, Monday by and between:

The **Australian Institute of International Affairs Victoria** (hereinafter referred to as AIIA VIC) is Australia's longest-existing non-partisan, private institute engaged in fostering discussion, debate and understanding on politics and international relations. Its mission is to help Australians know, understand, and engage more in international affairs. AIIA VIC was established in 1925 with its office at Level 13, 356 Collins Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000.

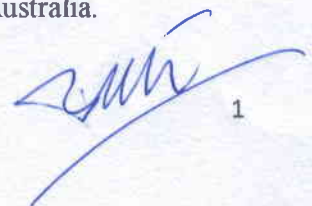
AND

Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) International, a non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental organisation (NGO) registered under the Rajasthan Societies Registration Act, 1958, with its registered office at Bhaskar Marg, Bani Park, Jaipur 302016, Rajasthan, India (hereinafter referred to as "CUTS").

AIIA VIC organises seminars, conferences, round-tables and domestic and international study tours for members, guests and overseas counterparts.

CUTS is a public policy research and advocacy group focused on consumer rights, sustainable development, and good governance. CUTS International's Global Affairs centre focuses on the defence, trade and strategic issues in the international arena.

AIIA VIC and CUTS both recognise the increasing importance of understanding the inter-linkages between strategic affairs, trade, and security between and beyond India and Australia.


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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework for collaboration between AIIA VIC and CUTS on analysis, and networking to enhance debate and understanding related to international affairs, trade, and security issues and their impact between India and Australia, with a specific focus on:

- Promoting mutual understanding and cooperation on international affairs, focusing on knowledge exchange pertinent to the Indo-Pacific region.
- Leverage both organisations' expertise in policy analysis, international trade, diplomacy, security and economic development to contribute to enhanced public awareness, informed decision-making and facilitating stronger bilateral and multilateral understanding.

These elements provide a comprehensive framework for collaboration between AIIA VIC and CUTS, focusing on the linkages between key global stakeholders with governments and intergovernmental-organisations.

2. Areas of Collaboration:

AIIA VIC and CUTS agree to collaborate in the following ways:

- Jointly provide input on trade policy, geo-strategic and geo-economic issues, security, technology, innovation, and energy within the Indo-Pacific context. This includes analysing bilateral and multilateral trade, security and economic matters of strategic importance to India and Australia.
- Co-develop seminar and conference reports, and disseminate insights on international relations and global issues.
- Organise seminars, workshops, webinars, and conferences to facilitate dialogue among policymakers, scholars, and practitioners.



- Develop programs to enhance understanding of international affairs among students, professionals, and the general public. This includes training sessions, study tours, and collaborative projects to build upon educating the public on global policy matters.
- Promote awareness and informed public debate on trade and strategic dimensions of India and Australia in the Indo-Pacific Region.

4. Term and Termination:

This MOU will be effective from the date of execution by both parties. This MOU may be terminated by either party upon 30 days' written notice to the other party.

5. Confidentiality:

The parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of all non-public information received from the other party under this MOU.

6. Dispute Resolution:

Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this MOU shall be settled through mutual consultation.

7. Entire Agreement:

This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications, representations, or agreements, whether oral or written.

8. Amendment:

This MOU may be amended only by a written agreement signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MOU as of the date first written above.



For Australian Institute of International Affairs Victoria:



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Title: President, AIIA Victoria



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For Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) International:



Name: Pradeep S Mehta

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