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India, Bangladesh to back each other for UNSC Membership

India and Bangladesh on Wednesday (15/02/2023) agreed to support each other's non-permanent membership at the UN Security Council.

Apart from multilateral engagements, the two sides held discussions on bilateral development projects, defence cooperation and security issues during the official visit of Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra to Dhaka.

Mr. Kwatra met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and conveyed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message of "continued commitment to the bilateral relationship, upholding Bangladesh as the pivot of India's 'Neighbourhood First Policy' and a key partner of its 'Act East Policy'," the External Affairs Ministry said in a statement.

India's 2021-22 non-permanent membership at the UNSC ended last December and another stint is expected in 2028-29. It is understood that internal discussion is under way in Dhaka for a possible non-permanent stint for Bangladesh at the UNSC during 2030-31.

Mr. Kwatra's visit has come a fortnight before Dhaka's Foreign Minister A.K. Abdul Momen arrives here for the G-20 Foreign Ministers' meeting.