

INDIA PAKISTAN TALKS

February 4, 1987

TEXT OF THE NEW DELHI AGREEMENT\*

Following is the text of the minutes of consultations between Mr. Abdul Sattar, Foreign Secretary of Pakistan and Mr. A.S. Gonsalves, Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, held from January 31 to February 4, 1987.

Immediate measures to defuse present tension, to prevent escalation and to de-escalate the situation along the India-Pakistan border :

- I. Both sides agree not to attack each other:
- II. Both sides agree to exercise the maximum restraint and to avoid all provocative actions along the border:
- III. In regard to concrete de-escalation measures, both sides agreed to adopt a sector by sector approach for the pull out of troops deployed on the border by both sides.

In pursuance of these parameters, both sides agreed, as a first step, to pull out of troops in the Ravi and Chenab corridor. In this corridor:

- A- All offensive and defensive forces of both sides will pull out to peace time locations within 15 days of the date of initialling of these minutes. Additional formations inducted in the Ravi-Chenab corridor by both sides, i.e., army reserve north comprising 6 Armoured Division and 17 Infantry Division on the Pakistan side, and 6 Mountain Division on the Indian side, will also return to peace time locations within 15 days of the date of initialling of these minutes. Pakistan would retain one Independent Armoured Brigade and an Independent Infantry Brigade of the holding corps reserve.
- B- The pull out of troops will be undertaken in a graduated manner and will be monitored through regular contact to be maintained by the DSGMO of both sides.
- C- The modalities for the sector-wise pull out in other sectors would be discussed subsequently: in the intervening period, both sides agree not to make any offensive movements to the international border in these sectors:
- IV. all mines already laid will be lifted: no mines will be laid:
- V. DSGMO of both countries shall maintain regular contact:
- VI. the ACAS (Ops) of both countries shall maintain contact to clear apprehensions about aircraft movements:
- VII. Regular contacts shall be maintained through diplomatic channels:
- VIII. All satellite airfields shall be deactivated immediately:
- IX. Navies of both sides will be brought to a lower state of operational readiness:
- X. For a discussion of further concrete measures for de-escalation along the border, an Indian delegation has been invited to visit Islamabad during February 1987. Mutually convenient dates for the visit will be settled through diplomatic channels.

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\*[The text of this agreement was provided by the High Commission of India, Canberra].