

India China 5 Point Action Plan

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After a meeting in Moscow, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi have agreed on a **five-point course of action to disengage and reduce tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).**

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- It follows the consensus between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping to **not allow differences to become disputes.**
- The current situation in the border areas is not in the interest of either side and therefore the border troops of both sides should continue their dialogue, **quickly disengage, maintain proper distance and ease tensions.**
- **Abiding by the existing India-China border protocols,** maintaining peace and tranquillity and **avoiding escalatory action.**
- Continuing the **dialogue between Special Representatives** National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Mr. Wang and meetings of the **Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on border affairs.**
- Working towards **new confidence-building measures (CBMs).**

Other Developments

- Both sides also issued separate notes detailing their positions, indicating that **several differences still remain** in their agreement of the situation at the LAC.
- However, neither the joint statement, nor the respective notes issued specifically spoke of a return to the "Status quo ante" or positions prior to the stand-off in April.
- **Nor do they specifically call on China to retreat** from

positions it has aggressed on at Pangong Tso, Depsang and other parts of the LAC.

- The meeting between the foreign ministers was facilitated and encouraged by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who **hosted them at the SCO meeting.**