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All-Party Parliamentary Delegation's visit to Federal Republic of Germany

The All-Party Parliamentary Delegation, led by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble MP and former Union Minister, concluded its successful visit to the Federal Republic of Germany with an interaction with members of Indian community in Germany. All participants observed a two-minute silence in solemn memory and honour of the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack.

- 2. During the interaction with members of Indian diaspora, the delegation underscored that the Pahalgam terror attack was a deliberate attempt to derail progress and economic development in Jammu & Kashmir and to sow communal tensions, which was completely thwarted by the united response of all Indians against this dastardly attack.
- 3. They further highlighted India's firm, precise, and non-escalatory response to the heinous attack, and reiterated India's principled position of *Zero-tolerance against terrorism*. The delegation members conveyed India's clear position that there is no differentiation between terrorists and those who aid or shelter them.
- 4. Ambassador of India to Germany H.E. Ajit Gupte briefed the participants on strong and united expression of support and solidarity by members of the Indian community in Germany, through multiple demonstrations and protest marches held across various cities in Germany.
- 5. The visit was marked by high-level engagements with Foreign Minister, senior political leaders and members of Parliament (Bundestag) of the Federal Republic of Germany, as well as leading think-tanks in Germany. The delegation had insightful and productive discussions throughout the visit, reiterating India's resolute commitment to the policy of Zero Tolerance on the issue of Cross-border Terrorism.
- 6. The German representatives expressed their support and solidarity with India and reaffirmed the shared commitment to countering terrorism. Vice

President of the Bundestag Mr. Omid Nouripour remarked that "India is the country on earth, for the last decades, which has been most affected by terror attacks....we have to stand at the side of the people in India and help, without any escalation, that the country is kept safe."

- 7. Mr. Armin Laschet, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, strongly condemned the brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam and targeting of innocent civilians, while further adding that "Germany and European Union stand close to India supporting the fight against terrorism".
- 8. Overall, the interactions during the visit reflected the deepening India-Germany Strategic Partnership across all sectors, and are expected to further strengthen the cooperation between the two countries.

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