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**Visit of H.E. Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, Secretary (CPV & OIA) to Bahrain
(29-31 May, 2023)**

H.E. Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, Secretary (CPV & OIA), Ministry of External Affairs of India (MEA) paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain for the 6th Foreign Office Consultation between India and Kingdom of Bahrain from 29 to 31 May, 2023. He was received by Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Mr. Piyush Srivastava and Mr. Mahmood Najem, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Bahrain on his arrival at the Bahrain International Airport on 29 May, 2023.

2. H.E. Dr. Ausaf Sayeed and H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary (Political Affairs), MoFA Bahrain co-chaired the 6th Foreign Office Consultations (FOC). H.E. Dr. Mohamed Ali Bahzad, Undersecretary (Consular Affairs), MoFA Bahrain also joined for the FOC. They reviewed all areas of bilateral cooperation including in the domains of Political, Security, Space, Youth, Parliament, Media & Information, Trade, energy including Renewable Energy, Fintech, IT, Big Data, Health, Tourism, Labour & Consular issues, Culture and Education, people-to-people engagement, and discussed matters of mutual interest in regional and multilateral domains. Both sides expressed satisfaction on the steady progress on various areas of bilateral cooperation and reiterated commitment to further strengthening the relationship. Both sides agreed to work towards forming a Joint Consular Committee to discuss cooperation between MEA India and MoFA Bahrain in the Consular Affairs Sector.

3. Dr. Ausaf Sayeed conveyed Government of India's gratitude to the Leadership and the Government of Kingdom of Bahrain for ensuring welfare of the Indian community. He noted the pivotal role of Indian community in Bahrain and the close people to people connect between the two countries. Dr. Ausaf Sayeed is scheduled to meet Minister of Industry and Commerce, H.E. Mr. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro on 31 May, 2023.

4. Secretary also interacted with a cross section of Indian community in Bahrain including the Heads of Indian Associations, Indian Medical Fraternity and Indian Schools in Bahrain in a session held at the Embassy. Dr. Ausaf Sayeed reassured them of the high priority given by Government of India for

regular engagement with Indian diaspora and informed them about Government of India's support and various welfare initiatives.

5. The visit was positively received by the Leadership, Government and the people of Bahrain, which provided an opportunity to review and discuss further strengthening multifaceted bilateral ties between the two countries.





