

## **Quad Leaders' Vision Statement – Enduring Partners for the Indo-Pacific**

*Hiroshima, 20 May 2023*

*hosted by the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP*

We – the Leaders of Australia, India, Japan and the United States – convened to reaffirm our steadfast commitment to work through the Quad to support a free and open Indo-Pacific that is inclusive and resilient.

Our vision is for a region that is peaceful and prosperous, stable and secure, and respectful of sovereignty – free from intimidation and coercion, and where disputes are settled in accordance with international law. We seek a region in which all countries and peoples can exercise free choice on how they cooperate and trade based on partnership, equality and mutual respect. We share the belief that engaging openly, transparently and constructively creates more opportunity, greater economic vitality and better understanding of shared challenges, to the benefit of all.

At a time of fundamental change, challenge, and opportunity in our region, we are determined to make a positive and lasting contribution to the resilience and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific by leveraging our resources and sharing our expertise. Working with countries across the region and guided by their priorities, we strive to ensure that the principles that have underpinned peace and stability and stimulated decades of growth and prosperity continue to apply for decades to come, including the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity.

We will act together as a force for good to find common solutions for region-wide benefit. Recently, in our response to the devastation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we joined together to expand safe, affordable and effective vaccine production and equitable access. The Indo-Pacific's key challenges of health security, rapidly changing technology, the grave threat of climate change, and the strategic challenges facing the region, summon us to act with renewed purpose.

Today, we look to the future and commit to the following principles as we respond to the challenges ahead:

1. We are deeply invested in the future prosperity and stability of the Indo-Pacific, and are committed to bringing enduring benefit to the region by providing options that build resilience, open communication and economic growth.
2. We seek to maintain and strengthen stability in the Indo-Pacific where competition is managed responsibly, in accordance with international law, including the United Nations Charter, and we will work to strengthen and reform the multilateral system to ensure all nations, large and small, continue to have a voice. We seek to uphold the international order based on the rule of law.
3. We acknowledge and respect the centrality, agency, and leadership of regional institutions, including ASEAN, the Pacific Islands Forum, and the Indian Ocean Rim Association, and will work in and alongside them to complement their efforts and advance our shared interests.
4. We will work transparently and in open dialogue to implement a practical agenda that delivers sustained economic and social value, is responsive to regional partners, and contributes to global priorities by advancing the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals, noting the transformational power of technology to help meet these goals.