

Quad Statement on Indo-Pacific Energy Security

The United States, Australia, India, and Japan are united by a common vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific, underpinned by robust economic and energy systems. Recognizing shifts in the global energy landscape and escalating geopolitical complexities, we are accelerating collaboration to ensure energy stability and security. We recognize impacts of disruptions to global markets, particularly in relation to oil, gas, and petrochemical products as well as essential goods and critical downstream derivatives such as fertilizers, fall heavily on the Indo-Pacific region. Our leaders have expressed a clear collective intent to cooperate on energy security and resilience.

We affirm our support for the following principles:

- Reiterate our strong commitment to ensure well-functioning, stable, transparent, secure and resilient energy markets.
- Reaffirm the importance of resilient and diversified supply chains, including energy products and other downstream commodities.
- Reinforce the importance of secure and uninterrupted trade flows, including the safety of navigation and the protection of critical maritime routes and infrastructure, as essential to global economic stability and energy security.
- Reiterate the importance of ensuring unimpeded freedom of navigation and uninterrupted flow of global commerce, including in the Strait of Hormuz, and opposing any restrictive measures hampering the flow of commercial vessels.
- Recognise our shared commitment to maintain open trade flows of energy products.
- Affirm the importance of cooperation across the entire energy value chain including the contribution of diversification to energy security.
- Recognise the importance of energy resources for the resilience and prosperity of vulnerable developing countries in the Indo-Pacific region and acknowledge in particular the specific energy security vulnerabilities for small-island developing countries, such as in the Pacific.
- Maximize efforts to support each other's and the region's energy security needs during times of restricted global energy markets.
- Encourage all energy market participants, including producing, transit, and consuming countries, to maintain transparent and open energy markets to ensure the stable availability of energy products across the Indo-Pacific region and globally in times of significant energy market volatility and disruptions.
- Highlight the importance of regional initiatives to strengthen energy resilience, such as Japan's Partnership On Wide Energy and Resources Resilience (POWER Asia), India's support to energy security in South Asia and Australia's support to energy security in Southeast Asia and the Pacific, including through the \$2 billion Southeast Asia Investment Financing Facility, Australian Development Investments and support for the ASEAN Power Grid, as well as financial assistance to Pacific island countries (including AUD30 million in budget support to Fiji).

To this end, the United States, Australia, India, and Japan will work to identify areas of cooperation for the Quad Initiative on Indo-Pacific Energy Security in technology, management, policy, international market analysis, and emergency response exercises through an engagement plan. This group effort would aim to recognize and leverage the unique resources and capabilities of each country's energy sector, including to strengthen their respective strategic petroleum systems. We will work with our partners in the Indo-Pacific to help strengthen regional energy resilience.

To achieve this, the Quad will convene a Quad Fuel Security Forum to coordinate high-level discussions and facilitate cooperation.