

India, U.S. to set up working group on defence industrial security

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India and the United States have agreed in principle to establish a Indo-U.S. Industrial Security Joint Working Group, the Defence Ministry said on Friday.

“This group will meet periodically to align the policies and procedures expeditiously that will allow the defence industries to collaborate on cutting edge defence technologies,” a Ministry statement stated. This was agreed during the Industrial Security Agreement summit held between the two sides from September 27 to October 1 in New Delhi.

The summit was organised to develop protocol for exchanging classified information between the defence industries of both the nations, the statement noted. It was led by Designated Se-

curity Authorities (DSA) Anurag Bajpai and David Paul Bagnati from India and the U.S. respectively. The DSAs also visited Indian defence industry in preparation of a road map.