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Moscow, Kremlin,  
July 20, 2017

Esteemed Mr Kovind,

Kindly accept my heartfelt congratulations on your election as the President.

You are known in Russia as an experienced statesman, who has made a substantial contribution to solving current social and economic tasks that India faces.

I hope for a constructive dialogue and active joint work with you for further advance of special and privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India, for expansion of fruitful bilateral cooperation in various spheres. Undoubtedly, it meets the core interests of friendly peoples of our countries, and serves the purpose of ensuring international stability and security.

With all my heart, I wish you, Mr Kovind, good health, well-being and success in your highly responsible position as the head of state.

Respectfully yours,

V.Putin

President of the Russian Federation

His EXCELLENCY

MR RAM NATH KOVIND,

PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

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I HOPE FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND ACTIVE JOINT WORK WITH YOU FOR FURTHER ADVANCE OF SPECIAL AND PRIVILEGED STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN RUSSIA AND INDIA, FOR EXPANSION OF FRUITFUL BILATERAL COOPERATION IN VARIOUS SPHERES. UNDOUBTEDLY, IT MEETS THE CORE INTERESTS OF FRIENDLY PEOPLES OF OUR COUNTRIES, AND SERVES THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING INTERNATIONAL STABILITY AND SECURITY.

WITH ALL MY HEART, I WISH YOU, MR KOVIND, GOOD HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND SUCCESS IN YOUR HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE POSITION AS THE HEAD OF STATE.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

V.PUTIN  
PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**HIS EXCELLENCY  
MR RAM NATH KOVIND,  
PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI**