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Letter dated 21 November 2003 from the Permanent Representatives of India and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit the Declaration of the Russian Federation and the Republic of India on Global Challenges and Threats to International Security and Stability, which was adopted during the visit of the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, to the Russian Federation on 12 November 2003 (see annex).

We would be grateful if the present letter and its annex were distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under items 28, 37, 59, 60, 109 and 156 of the agenda of its fifty-eighth session and as a document of the Security Council.

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