



# **The Strategic Context of the Enduring India-Russia Friendship**

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Indo-Russian relations have long been defined not just by the two countries' attitudes toward each other but also by their respective relationships with the West and China. The decades of Indo-Soviet collaboration during the Cold War

balancing U.S. hegemony by creating a Russia-India-China alliance was its first indication.

counterbalance each other. After all, as the Indian Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar recently noted, “At the core of the [India-

