

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CALL FOR PEACE BY U.S.
VISHNU DATT

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the U. S. Secretary of State in a recent address to the World Economic Forum has urged India and Pakistan to strive for peace;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposals made by him; and
- (c) the response of Indian Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. In a speech on 26 January 2003 at the World Economic Forum in Davos, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said that India and Pakistan should take risks for peace.
- (c) Government believes that a permanent end to cross-border terrorism by Pakistan is essential for resumption of bilateral dialogue between India and Pakistan and for advancing the prospects of peace in the region.