

# QUAD SIGNS AGREEMENT FOR DISASTER RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE

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Foreign Ministers of the Quad group of countries – India, the U.S., Australia, and Japan – met on the fringes of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on Friday to sign a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) partnership into effect.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said the world was going through a difficult period – listing the Ukraine conflict and climate events, and said that it was especially important for the Quad to further the “constructive agenda” it had set up for itself and work together to deliver public goods.

“I think our meeting today is evidence that the Quad is strong and getting stronger,” Mr. Blinken said.

Australia’s Foreign Minister Penny Wong said the Quad was about ensuring the region is “peaceful, stable, prosperous and in which sovereignty is respected”.

Japan’s Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, said the world was witnessing “direct attempts to unilaterally change the status quo by force” and that the international order based on the rule of law was under threat.

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