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Subject: Invitation for Talk at MP-IDSA

Dear Dr. Menon,

The Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) proposes to organise a webinar on **Drug Trafficking: a Threat to the Strategic Lakshadweep Islands** on **14 June 2021, at 11:30 AM**.

The Lakshadweep Islands, as you aware, are of immense strategic importance for India. However, the geography and location of the Lakshadweep Islands has contributed considerably towards its vulnerability. The Islands have witnessed numerous cases of piracy as well as large scale trafficking of drugs and weapons. The susceptibility of the Lakshadweep Islands to the activities of non-state actors raises apprehensions that, in future, these islands could be used as safe havens or platforms for anti-national activities. Therefore, there is a need to consider effective measures to ensure the safety and security of the Lakshadweep Islands.

Given your interest in the subject, I am writing to invite you to deliver a talk on this important topic. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the discussion will be conducted through an online platform (Cisco Webex).

I shall be grateful if you could kindly accept our invitation.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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