



## WELCOME LETTER



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Dear Indian & Spanish friends,

I am very pleased to present to you the second edition of the Spain-India Forum: "Re-energizing our Strategic Ties", that will take place in Madrid on November 16th, 2017. This Forum is organized by the Spain-India Council Foundation (SICF), that I chair, a non-profit private body coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain.

We are pleased to share the organization of the II Edition of the Forum with such an important institution as the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). We also have the collaboration, participation and support of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Energy, Tourism and Digital Agenda, the City Council of Madrid, and the Chamber of Commerce of Spain.

The second edition of the Spain-India Forum will take place just after the celebration in 2016 of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Spain, followed by the historic visit to Spain of Prime Minister Modi earlier this year. The Forum will focus on renewable, clean and efficient energy, with a first session on bilateral relations. Our goal is to promote a constructive bilateral dialogue between both delegations to work together in sustainable solutions and innovative projects that will lead to a long-term energy mix, as well as to debate in a prospective approach, considering new ideas to strengthen our ties and to uncover target sectors in which our bilateral relations could move further.

I have the certainty that this summit will encourage a fruitful cooperation in bilateral relations and a renewable and efficient energy mix where there are important opportunities for a successful collaboration between India and Spain. All delegates interested in taking to a new level the relations between both countries are most welcome to participate in the Forum. Allow us to share with you our hospitality and our way of life, you will find an innovative country and a friendly society in Spain.

Looking forward to welcoming you in Madrid.

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