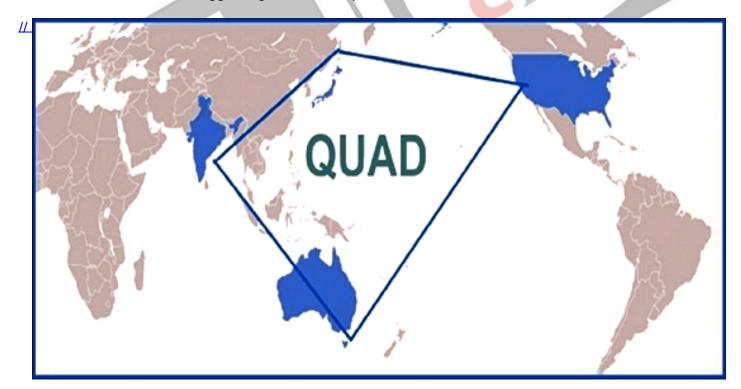


Quad's Commitment to an Open Indo-Pacific

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After **Donald Trump's swearing-in**, **Quad foreign ministers** reaffirmed their commitment to an **open** and **free Indo-Pacific**, opposing **unilateral actions** to alter the status quo through **force or coercion**.

- The ministers reaffirmed their commitment to international law, democratic values, and territorial integrity in the Indo-Pacific and opposed China's territorial claims in the South China Sea and East China Sea.
- India will host the 7th Quad Leaders Summit 2025, further cementing its leadership role in the strategic grouping.
- About Quad: Quad is a diplomatic partnership between Australia, India, Japan, and the US, focused on stability, prosperity, and openness in the Indo-Pacific region.
 - The Quad originated after the <u>2004 Indian Ocean tsunami</u>, when the four nations provided humanitarian aid.
 - After an officer-level meeting in 2007, official-level meetings resumed in 2017, leading to the first Quad meeting at the Foreign Minister's level in 2019.
 - Quad-plus meetings have involved countries like South Korea, New Zealand, and Vietnam, suggesting further acceptance of Quad.



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