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Press Statement

**USA must abide by the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations**

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The West Bengal State Committee of the All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation (AIPSO) condemns the way the American authorities have treated the Indian Deputy Consul General in New York, Devyani Khobragade. The arrest and subsequent ill-treatment of such a high-ranking diplomat shows once again the real face of the US administration's attitude towards India.

Even in the past, there had been instances of body searches of Indian diplomats at American airports. It may be recalled that in 2010, the then Indian Ambassador to the USA, Meera Shankar, had to face pat down security searches at a US airport. However, the US officials didn't even regret the incident then.

Three years ago, the then Indian envoy to the United Nations, Hardeep Puri had to face similar humiliation at a US airport.

We hope the Government of India should take up the matter with due seriousness. Appropriate reciprocal measures should be taken to stop such humiliations of Indian diplomats in the USA.

The Indian government should guarantee a formal assurance from the American government that such humiliations of Indian diplomats must be stopped and Washington will abide by the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations with regard to Indian missions in the United States.

We call upon the peace-loving people of Bengal to raise their voice against the ill-treatment of Indian diplomatic personnel in the USA.

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