

1. Joint Declaration for an Enhanced Defense Partnership

In the recently signed **Joint Declaration for an Enhanced Defense Partnership** (October 2021, 2026), Guyana's economic rise is implicitly reflected through its expanding regional responsibilities. [1]

- **The Strategic Context:** The agreement notes that the bilateral relationship has grown in strategic importance "**as Guyana's economy grows and its responsibilities in the region increase.**" [1]
- **Comprehensive Scope:** President Irfaan Ali stated that the defense pact is a milestone within a broader expanding strategic framework that encompasses "**security, energy, trade, and investment.**" [1]

2. Shield of the Americas Framework

During the multilateral adoption of the **Shield of the Americas** Joint Communiqué, member states formalized a three-pillared strategy to address regional security. Guyana's economic evolution is directly tied to the first pillar of this framework: [1]

- **The Economic Pillar:** Acknowledges the necessity of building regional economic resilience to protect growing sovereign infrastructure and energy wealth. [1]

3. Bilateral Economic Memorandums

The specific commercial and resource growth elements are handled outside of military treaties via separate economic channels: [1]

- **Infrastructure and Energy MoUs:** Bilateral cooperation on turning energy revenues into broader national development is managed under diplomatic agreements focused on port, road, and housing infrastructure. [1, 2]
- **US EXIM Bank Funding:** Major financial commitments, such as the **US\$526 million loan** for the Gas-to-Energy project, serve as the operational legal mechanisms processing Guyana's economic transition. [1]