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Guyana Signs Security Agreement With United States

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WASHINGTON, DC – Guyana has signed an agreement with the United States on Wednesday that it says builds on the country's multi-decade partnership with the North American country and is critical to the continued defense of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) country's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

President Irfaan Ali and United States Secretary of War Pete Hegseth signed the Joint Declaration for an Enhanced Defense Partnership at the Pentagon which they say reflects the strategic weight both countries place on the security of Guyana and the Western Hemisphere.

Through the declaration, the U.S. Department of War resolves to provide sustained defense expertise, multidomain training, and combined exercises with the Guyana Defence Force, supporting Guyana's continued efforts to build a modern and strategic defense architecture. Cooperation will also strengthen Guyana's air-domain awareness, enhancing its ability to monitor, deter, and respond to threats in and around its territory.

"This declaration further aligns Guyana and the United States in confronting narco terrorist organizations and narcotics trafficking, building on both countries' founding roles in the Americas Counter Cartel Coalition and the Shield of the Americas," according to the statement issued here following the signing.

It said that together, these commitments send a clear message that Guyana and its partners stand ready to deter malign state and non-state actors that threaten the peace and security of Guyana and the wider region.