

India wants to play a responsible role globally: US

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Describing India as a great power that will never be a formal ally or partner of the US, the Biden administration has told lawmakers that New Delhi wants to play a responsible role globally.

These remarks were made by Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell during a hearing on US-China Competitiveness beyond

the Indo-Pacific on Tuesday, amidst indications that Prime Minister Narendra Modi may visit Kyiv later this month against the backdrop of renewed global efforts to end Russia's war on Ukraine.

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"One of the hardest things to keep in mind is that India is also a great power. It has its own beliefs and its own interests. They will never be a formal ally or partner of the United States. But it

doesn't mean that we cannot have the strongest possible relationships as allied nations on the global stage," Kurt told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during the hearing.

He was responding to a question from Senator James Risch about the recent Moscow visit of Prime Minister Modi for a bilateral meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"You said it effectively about Russia, I'm not going

to add to that directly. I think we're likely to hear news of India engaging more directly in Ukraine. I'm grateful for that. I think India wants to play a responsible role globally," he said.

"There are very few other countries in the world that have such an appeal to the Global South. And their ability to engage there is unmatched and we are seeking to work with them there in Africa and elsewhere," Campbell told the law-

makers. "They're grateful for our bipartisan attention. They like the work that we've done together in education and technology. We've supported them in intelligence and military along the Line of Actual Control. And in the Indian Ocean, we've stepped up in a variety of areas. That's important. And I do believe that we've bent India's trajectory in ways that are consequential and very much in our interests," Campbell said.