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Summary:

Report from Hungarian Ambassador in Delhi Péter Kós to the Hungarian Foreign Ministry on India's increasingly flexible position on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

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India's earlier active opposition to the draft Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty has abated, and according to the latest official declarations, India's standpoint is becoming a bit more flexible. Within the government, opinions are sharply divided with regard to the formulation of India's final standpoint. In essence, the point is whether India, which is, for economic reasons, unable to develop nuclear weapons by itself but fears China's nuclear armament, should remain passive, or should it actively participate in the positive international efforts of the Great Powers. For the time being, the fact is that India does not wish to write down definitely its objections to the draft treaty and the formulation of the guarantees it expects from the Great Powers. The Indian representative in Geneva was also instructed not to take a stand on the draft treaty for the time being.

We will send a detailed report on the subject by the next courier.

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