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Panchsheel - Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence

The five principles of peaceful coexistence, known as the Panchsheel Treaty. Non-interference in others internal affairs and respect for each other's territorial unity, integrity and sovereignty, are a set of principles to govern relations between states. Their first formal codification in treaty form was in an agreement between China and India in 1954. They were enunciated in the preamble to the "Agreement on trade and intercourse between Tibet Region of China and India" which was signed at Peking on 28 April 1954. The five principles, as stated in this treaty, are listed as:

- 1 - Mutual respect for each other's territorial integrity and sovereignty,
- 2 - Mutual non-aggression,
- 3 - Mutual non-interference in each other's internal affairs
- 4 - Equality and mutual benefit, and
- 5 - Peaceful co-existence.

The panchsheel agreement serves as one of the most important relations bet build between China and

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India to further the economic and security cooperation. The principles were emphasized by the Prime Minister of India, Jawahar Lal Nehru, and Premier Zhou Enlai in a broadcast speech made at the time of the Asian Prime Ministers Conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka just a few days after the signing of the Sino-Indian treaty in Beijing.