



India, UAE to continue talks on carrying out bilateral trade in national currencies

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India and the UAE decided to continue discussions on creation of a payment mechanism for carrying out bilateral trade in national currencies instead of relying on hard currencies such as the US dollar or the euro at the tenth meeting of the India-UAE High-Level Joint Task Force on Investments in Mumbai on Tuesday.

The meet was co-chaired by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Abu Dhabi Executive Council Member Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

“An important area discussed was the creation of a mechanism for carrying out bilateral trade in national currencies. Referring to the ongoing discussions between Reserve Bank of India and



TRADE TALK. Ahead of the India-UAE High-Level Joint Task Force on Investments meet, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal met Abu Dhabi Executive Council Member Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan TWITTER

Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates on Unified Payment Interface as a common digital payments platform, both sides agreed to continue discussions,” according to a release issued by the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

The RBI allowed invoicing and payments for international trade in Indian rupee in July this year “to promote

growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support the increasing interest of global trading community in INR.”

RESOLVING ISSUES

India and the UAE have also decided to set up an ‘India Fast Track Mechanism in UAE’ to resolve issues faced by Indian businesses and investors in

the country and also assist Indian companies in market entry and expansion.

It was also agreed that the Indian side will provide the necessary support to the ‘UAE Fast Track Mechanism in India’, established in 2019, to ensure speedy resolution of pending issues and difficulties experienced by some UAE companies and banks operating in India.

To encourage increased investment flows by UAE sovereign investment entities into India, “it was agreed that bilateral discussions should continue to reach a mutually-beneficial outcome meeting the policy objectives of both countries. The support provided to UAE sovereign entities through the Finance Act 2020 and subsequent issuance of notifications for tax exemption was noted and appreciated,” the release said.