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EICC will boost Indo-EU ties: official

UNI London April 20: The recently set up Europe India Chamber of Commerce (EICC) will promote closer ties between European Union and Asian country, according to its secretary-general, Mr Sunil Prasad.

“The EICC (founded in Brussels last week) will serve as the key liaising body representing the views of companies, enterprises and semi-business groups of India and Europe. We will have business interests in each others’ countries,” he pointed out.

The EICC will represent the views of its members at the level of the EU and supplement the work of the chambers of commerce already established in six EU countries - like the Belgo-Indian Chamber of Commerce.

The EICC is being chaired by Mr Niraj Deva, a member of the European Parliament who represents a conservative constituency in the United Kingdom.

The initiative to set up the chamber was taken by the Belgian branch of the Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO). Its secretary-general is also president of GOPIO Belgium.

The decision to set up EICC was taken at the international conference that global organisation organised in Brussels last October, on the theme of the contribution of the Indian diaspora to the promotion of Indo-European trade and investment.

The EICC was formally set up when some 20 members of GOPIO Belgium adopted its statutes. The founding members also appointed the members of the board of directors.

The board includes Dalmia group chairman, Mr Sanjay Dalmia, Janssen Pharmaceutica (Belgium) chairman, Mr Ajit Shetty and Cobra Beer (UK) chairman, Mr Karan Bilimoria.

Other members of the board are Commonwealth Business Council secretary-general, Mr Mohan Kaul, Dr Amal K Mukhopadhaya of Age Lab Pharma and the German-Indo Chamber of Commerce and Dr Vasant Moharir of the Netherlands-India Chamber of Commerce.

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Europe-India Chamber of Commerce formed

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Europe- India Chamber of Commerce (EICC) was established in Brussel on Saturday to help businessmen in Europe and India interact and promote bilateral trade and investment.

"The EICC will serve as the key liaising body representing the views of companies, enterprises and semi-business groups of India and Europe, having business interests in each other's countries," its Secretary-General, Sunil Prasad, told the media.

The EICC will also represent the views of its members at the EU. It will thus supplement the work of the chambers of commerce already established in six EU countries, such as the Belgo-Indian Chamber of Commerce.

The Board includes prominent businessmen, including Sanjay Dalmia, Chairman of the Dalmia group, Dr. Ajit Shetty, Chairman of Janssen Pharmaceutical (Belgium) and Karan Bilimoria, Chairman Cobra Beer (UK).

Other members of the Board are Dr. Mohan Kaul, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Business Council; Dr. Amal K. Mukhopadhaya, Age Lab Pharma and the German-Indo Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Vasant Moharir of the Netherlands-India Chamber of Commerce.

Nirj Deva, a member of the European Parliament who represents a Conservative constituency in the UK, has agreed to serve as the EICC's Founder Chairman.

The decision to set up EICC was taken at the international conference, Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) organized in Brussels last October. It was decided that the Indian diaspora would help in the promotion of Indo-European trade and investment.