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Hillary:

I met with Holbrooke today on water. Pakistani military called it their third most important strategic issue. Great worries about India/Pakistan tension over 1960 agreement that regulates Indus River. We agreed our teams will work together, most likely through the World Bank supporting the Abu Dhabi Dialogue, which brings together representatives from the seven countries that share the Indus River Basin. This is the best forum we know of where India and Pakistan can meet to discuss water issues. In the context of the shared waters memo and chart I gave you last week, this ranks as potentially one of the most conflict prone, and one where the US should engage to get the parties to work together.

We are advancing well in developing a policy/action plan for you to announce on World Water Day on March 22.

Safe travels to Latin America, so glad you are going.

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