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## Roadmap to Quad Success: Practical recommendations for action and sustainability

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create a Quad public presence via an online portal to brand the initiative and provide a single, joined up source of information
- Consolidate existing cooperation through streamlining working groups into three 'pillars': regional public goods, technology and security cooperation
- Prioritise areas for cooperation within the three pillars to provide more structure and focus attention and resources
- Establish new, major Quad projects related to critical technology, quality infrastructure, and supply chain resilience

**The second Quad Leaders' Summit, expected in late 2021, will raise expectations of new announcements to demonstrate progress.** Instead of further broadening cooperation or announcing enhanced defence cooperation, the focus should be on delivering against existing commitments.

**Since the first Leaders' Summit in March 2021, the functional remit of the Quad has dramatically expanded.** This includes recent commitments around COVID-19 vaccines, climate change, and critical and emerging technology. The Quad has now declared ten priority areas for cooperation.

**As the Quad agenda expands beyond the traditional security sphere, there is a pressing need to provide coherence and structure to its work.** In the absence of a formal Secretariat, a dedicated and consolidated Quad web presence could help manage its work programs, track

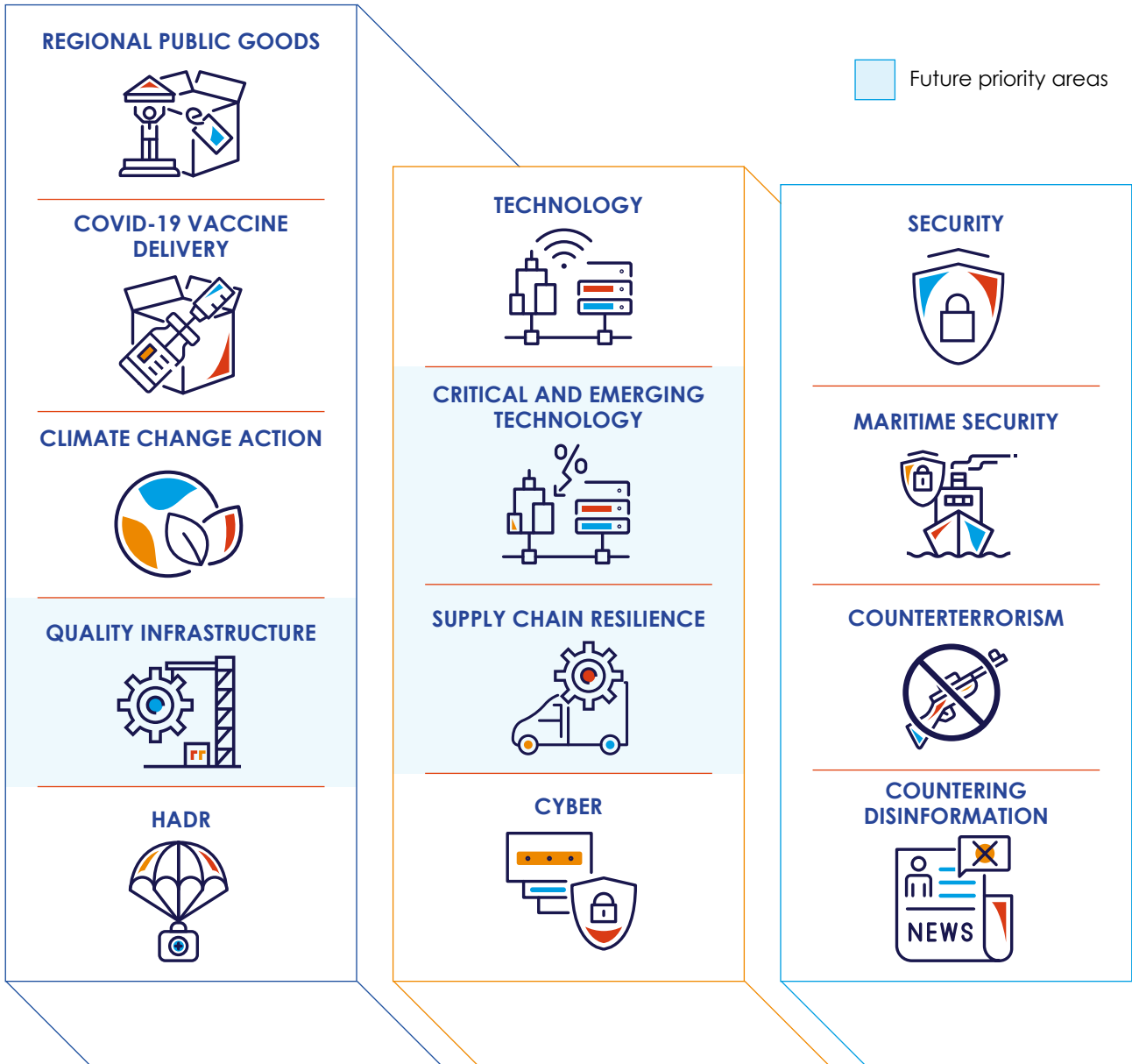
progress on implementation, and communicate its achievements to the world. It could provide a record of past meetings, joint statements, working groups, and existing commitments.

**Developing thematic priorities would help focus the Quad's expanding agenda (see Table 1).** Its ten priority areas should be organised into three themes – regional public goods, technology and security cooperation – which would provide structure, prioritisation and resourcing to key initiatives.

**As a next step, the Quad should focus on major projects related to critical technology, quality infrastructure and supply chains.** Out of all working groups, these three have the strongest political convergence for action, leverage Quad member strengths, have a sense of regional urgency and potential tangible benefit to countries, and are less provocative than other areas of Quad cooperation.



Consolidating and focusing the Quad Agenda



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