

Ministerial Meeting of the G4 countries (Brazil, Germany, India and Japan) in the margins of the 66th Session of the UN General Assembly

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1. The Minister of External Relations of Brazil, the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany, the Minister of External Affairs of India, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan met in New York on 23 September 2011, in the margins of the opening of the 66th session of the United Nations General Assembly, to exchange views on Security Council reform.



2. Recalling their previous joint statements, in particular the declarations of 24 September 2010 and 11 February 2011, the G4 countries reiterated their common vision of an enlarged Security Council for the 21st century, expanded in both the

permanent and non-permanent categories of membership, taking into consideration the contributions made by countries to the maintenance of international peace and security, as well as the need for increased representation of developing countries in both categories, in order to better reflect today's geopolitical realities.

3. The Ministers discussed the initiative to promote consultations with Member States with regard to a draft resolution on expansion of the Security Council in both categories and improvement of its working methods. The initiative has been supported by a wide coalition of Member States, from all regional groups of the United Nations. Therefore, the Ministers expressed the view that such strong support should be considered as the basis for further discussion in the ongoing intergovernmental negotiations to create the momentum needed for real negotiations among Member States on this all-important matter.

4. The Ministers also welcomed the decision by the General Assembly to immediately continue the process of intergovernmental negotiations in the informal plenary of the 66th Session. They reaffirmed their full support to the negotiations and expressed their determination to work in close cooperation with other Member States in a spirit of flexibility and press ahead with all the necessary steps to achieve a concrete outcome in the current session of the UN General Assembly. In this regard, the G4 countries look forward to working closely with H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the 66th session of the General Assembly.

5. The Ministers once again committed themselves to continue to work together in order to bring about the urgently needed reform of the Security Council.

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