

G-4 London Declaration

July 8th, 2005

The Minister of External Relations of Brazil Celso Amorim, the Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Germany Joschka Fischer, the Minister of External Affairs of India Natwar-Singh and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan Machimura Nobutaka met today at the Embassy of Brazil in London with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ghana Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, in his capacity as a member of the core group of the follow-up mechanism on the reform of the United Nations established by the African Union, to review developments at the AU Summit in Syrte and to discuss prospects for common action in the immediate future with regard to the expansion and reform of the UN Security Council.

The G4 tabled their draft framework resolution on July 8th, 2005. They recalled the Brussels Declaration, which expressed their intention to introduce the text of the framework resolution leading to its adoption by the General Assembly after the African Union and Caricom meetings in July. Against the backdrop of the decisions of the recent Summit of the African Union in Syrte and the Caricom Summit in St. Lucia, the Ministers reiterated their readiness to continue to dialogue with the African Union, Caricom, as well as co-sponsors of the draft resolution and the UN membership at large.

The five Ministers of Foreign Affairs remain committed to UN reform, in particular Security Council reform, including enlargement by non-permanent and permanent members, and will work together towards a successful outcome.

The Ministers agreed to meet at the Indian Mission in New York on July 17th to discuss the matter further.

The Ministers strongly condemned the terrorist attacks in London on July 7th 2005 and expressed their deepest sympathy and condolences to the victims of these attacks and their families, and to the people and Government of the United Kingdom, and reaffirmed their determination to spare no effort to combat terrorism in accordance with their responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations.