

## **Ministerial Meeting of the G4 countries (Brazil, Germany, India and Japan) on the margins of the 65th session of the UN General Assembly**

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### Joint Press Statement

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 for Foreign Affairs of Japan met in New York, on 24 September 2010, on the margins of the 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly, to exchange views on Security Council reform.

2. The Ministers reiterated the need for urgent reform of the Security Council, which would include expansion of both categories of membership, permanent and non-permanent, as well as improvement in the Council's working methods, in order to render the body more representative, legitimate, effective and responsive to the realities of the international community in the 21st century.

3. The Ministers noted with satisfaction the overwhelming support among Member States for expansion of both categories of membership in the Security Council, including developing and developed countries as new permanent members. In this context, while reiterating their support for each other's candidatures as aspiring new permanent members, they reconfirmed their view of the importance of Africa to be represented in the permanent membership in an enlarged Council. They also reconfirmed the need for additional non-permanent members.

4. The Ministers welcomed the commencement of negotiations based on the text requested by more than 140 Member States in the 64th session of the General Assembly. They also expressed satisfaction with General Assembly decision 64/568 to immediately continue intergovernmental negotiations on the basis of the second revision of the universally requested negotiation text, in the informal plenary of the 65th session of General Assembly. They also committed themselves to continue to participate actively in these negotiations, with a view to achieving concrete results on Security Council reform during the current session. The G4 countries reaffirmed their readiness to reach out to other countries and to work in close cooperation with them towards this goal.

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