

THE G5 FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTERS MEET IN NEW YORK

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of Five (G5) met today in New York, on the margins of the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly, in order to follow up on the agreements of the G5 Leaders meeting in L'Aquila, Italy, last July, as well as to review the perspectives of the forthcoming G20 Leaders Summit.

The meeting was held at the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations, under this country's coordination of the G5, with the participation of the Minister of External Relations of Brazil, Celso Amorim, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of China, Yang Jiechi, the External Affairs Minister of India, S.M. Krishna, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, Patricia Espinosa, and the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane.

The five Ministers exchanged views on the G20 Summit in Pittsburgh, the Heiligendamm-L'Aquila Process (HAP), the G8 Outreach engagement at the 2010 Summit in Muskoka, and coordination amongst the G5 countries on issues of global interest and topical global importance.

The five ministers also addressed the agenda of the third G20 Leaders Summit to be held in Pittsburgh, USA, on 24-25 September 2009. In this context, while conveying their commitment to the principles and Action Plan enshrined in both the Washington Declaration and the London Communiqué of the G20, the Ministers noted that the challenge today is timely implementation of the agreed elements of the Washington Action Plan the London Communiqué of the G20 Summits. They called for comprehensive reforms of the IFIs to design a new international financial architecture and new global economic order to make them more equitable, transparent and effective. Also, they especially discussed actions to support the most vulnerable sectors of the global population. They agreed on the relevance of maintaining a close collaboration among the developing countries that are members of the G20, in order for them to promote their priorities and proposals effectively.

The Ministers noted that the G8-G5 dialogue is an important initiative in the quest of broad-based solutions to address topical global challenges. While sharing their perspectives on the 2010 G8 Summit in Muskoka, the Ministers noted the inclusive approach Italy followed for this year's G8-Outreach engagement at L'Aquila and expressed hope that this new phase of partnership on equal footing will enhance our collective capacity to contribute towards the global agenda.

They looked forward to the further building up of the momentum of L'Aquila by the succeeding G8 Presidencies in the true spirit of a constructive dialogue.

This was the fourth annual meeting of G5 Foreign Affairs Ministers on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly.

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