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INDIA'S INITIATIVE IN MAKING AU A PERMANENT MEMBER OF G20

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) the factors which led to India advancing inclusion of African Union (AU) as a permanent member of the G20 during G20 summit in New Delhi;

(b) the significance of the move and response of AU members to India's initiative; and

(c) the impact of India's advocacy of issues relevant for Global South on developing and developed countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to c) Deepening the G20-Africa cooperation further has been a significant focus area in the G20. Africa's priorities to reduce debt burden, ensure food, fuel and fertilizer security, boost economic growth and attain SDGs, and build resilient supply chains have also been closely aligned with G20 priorities during India's G20 Presidency.

Prime Minister proposed the inclusion of the African Union in the G20 as a permanent member of the G20, as an outcome of the New Delhi G20 Leaders' Summit. In the New Delhi G20 Leaders' Declaration (NDLD), adopted unanimously on 09 September 2023, G20 Leaders welcomed "the African Union as a permanent member of the G20."

African countries have widely welcomed the inclusion of the African Union in the G20 as a permanent member. African Union's inclusion in the G20 has also provided an enabling ecosystem to the African Union to further express its interests and make its contribution towards a just, fair, more inclusive, balanced and representative global governance architecture.

During India's G20 Presidency, it was our priority to amplify and enhance the voice and representation of the Global South in the G20.

The G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration reflected a number of concerns and priorities of the developing Global South in the areas of sustainable development, climate action, education, and other domains.

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