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SUCCESSFUL HOSTING OF G-20 SUMMIT

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

(a) the key outcomes of the G-20 Summit held in New Delhi that have contributed to elevating India's stature on the global stage along with its likely positive impact on India's bid for UNSC membership;

(b) the specific areas of global governance where India's leadership and initiatives during the G-20 Summit have been particularly impactful;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to leverage the outcomes of the G-20 Summit for strengthening India's bilateral and multilateral relationships;

(d) the initiatives or agreements, if any, that were introduced during the G-20 Summit, which have significantly enhanced India's role in global economic and diplomatic arenas;

(e) the measures implemented by the Government to sustain and build upon the momentum gained from the successful hosting of the G-20 Summit; and

(f) whether the G-20 meeting has launched any initiative to dilute tension between India and China and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a) The New Delhi G20 Leaders' Summit held on 9-10 September 2023 brought the deliberations under India's G20 Presidency to a successful culmination. Given that G20 comprises of world's leading economies, accounting for around 85% of the global GDP, 75% of world trade and 2/3rd of world population, the New Delhi G20 Summit was a historic gathering of world leaders.

The New Delhi G20 Leaders' Declaration (NDLD) was adopted unanimously by all G20 members on 9 September 2023. It sets out the way forward on a wide range of prevailing global challenges, including in the following areas:

- i. Strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth;
- ii. Accelerating progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

- iii. Green development pact for a sustainable future;
- iv. Multilateral Institutions for the 21st century;
- v. Technological Transformation and Digital Public Infrastructure;
- vi. International Taxation;
- vii. Gender Equality and Empowering All Women and Girls;
- viii. Financial Sector Issues;
- ix. Countering Terrorism and Money Laundering; and
- x. Creating a More Inclusive World.

As regards UN reforms, in Paragraph 47 of the NDLD, G20 Leaders agreed that the United Nations must be “adapted to carrying out its mandate”, recalled “the Declaration on the Commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations (UNGA 75/1)”, and acknowledged the need to “make global governance more representative, effective, transparent and accountable”. Reform of the UN Security Council would require amendments to the UN Charter.

(b) Substantive deliberations during India’s G20 Presidency revolved around priority areas such as inclusive and resilient growth; progress on SDGs, green development and Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE); technological transformation and digital public infrastructure; reforming multilateral institutions; women led development; and international peace and harmony.

The New Delhi G20 Leaders’ Declaration reflects uniquely Indian perspectives of universal, equitable and inclusive solutions to contemporary global challenges in the above areas. Some of its highlights are:

- i. Endorsed the theme of our G20 Presidency “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” or “One Earth, One Family, One Future”;
- ii. Addressed the Ukraine issue in a consensual manner ;
- iii. Championed the voice of Global South ;
- iv. Inducted African Union as a permanent member of the G20;
- v. Committed to the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on SDGs;
- vi. Endorsed the LiFE concept on pro-planet behavior;
- vii. Called to scale up development and climate finance from billions to trillions;
- viii. Agreed to set a New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) of Climate Finance in 2024, from a floor of USD 100 billion a year;
- ix. Called for better, bigger, more effective and more representative Multilateral Development Banks;
- x. Endorsed Digital Public Infrastructure to deliver affordable services at scale;
- xi. Agreed to triple renewable energy capacity globally by 2030;
- xii. Agreed to development of zero and low-emission hydrogen internationally;
- xiii. Endorsed women-led development;
- xiv. Adopted global food security principles;
- xv. Endorsed a Millet Research Initiative;
- xvi. Endorsed a Global Initiative on Digital Health;
- xvii. Condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and stressed denial of safe haven to terrorists;
- xviii. Emphasized responsible AI with pro-innovation regulation/governance; and
- xix. Endorsed well-managed, regular and skills-based migration pathways.

(c) G20 outcomes are being pursued and taken forward in our various, relevant bilateral and multilateral engagements, with a view to further strengthening and deepening our relations with partner countries.

(d) Some of the new initiatives taken during India's G20 Presidency were as follows:

- i. Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group;
- ii. Startup20 Engagement Group;
- iii. Chief Scientific Advisors Roundtable;
- iv. G20 Conference on Crime and Security in the Age of NFTs, AI and Metaverse;
- v. Session on traditional medicine at the G20 Health Ministerial Meeting;
- vi. Agreement on establishing a Working Group on Empowerment of Women; and
- vii. Agreement to strengthen cooperation in counter narcotics.

(e) It is Government of India's constant endeavour to promote and further build upon the achievements of the New Delhi G20 Summit, on logistics as well as substance. A virtual G20 Leaders' Summit was held on 22 November 2023, to review the agreed outcomes and accelerate progress on them. The themes and achievements of India's G20 Presidency will continue to remain an integral part of India's policy priorities, nationally as well as on the international stage. These would include, *inter-alia*, a human-centric approach to development, food and health security, reform of global governance structures, climate and environmental action, transparent management of debt, women-led development, skilled migration, and promotion of SMEs – under our overall vision of One Earth, One Family, One Future.

(f) G20 is the premier multilateral forum for international economic cooperation and deliberations on global economic challenges.
