



# 11<sup>th</sup> BRICS Parliamentary Forum

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Joint Declaration





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We, the leaders and representatives of the Parliaments of the BRICS member countries — the Federative Republic of Brazil, the People's Republic of China, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Republic of India, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, the Republic of South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates — gathered in Brasilia on June 4 and 5, 2025, for the 11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum (11th BRICS PF).

Aware of the complex and current global challenges facing our peoples and the planet, we convened under the theme “The role of BRICS Parliaments in building a more inclusive and sustainable global governance,” which is in alignment with the central theme of the Brazilian BRICS Presidency in 2025.

We reiterate our collective commitment to multilateralism, just, equitable and inclusive global governance, and the reform of international institutions to better reflect the voices and interests of developing countries. We oppose the increasing trend of unilateralism and advocate for a world order based on mutual respect, equality, and international cooperation.

We note with appreciation the contributions to inter-parliamentary dialogue made by the Meeting of BRICS Women Parliamentarians and the Meeting of



Chairs of the Committees on International Affairs of BRICS Parliaments, held in Brasilia on June 3, 2025.

We reaffirm our commitment to the spirit of BRICS, grounded in mutual respect, sovereign equality, solidarity, openness, inclusion, and consensus, principles that guide our efforts to strengthen the BRICS Strategic Partnership. We firmly believe that inter-parliamentary dialogue and cooperation are vital to advancing our shared goals and to fostering a more just and representative international order.

We welcome the Republic of Indonesia as a BRICS member, as well as the Republic of Belarus, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Cuba, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Malaysia, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Republic of Uganda, and the Republic of Uzbekistan as BRICS partner countries. We will facilitate consolidation of the BRICS cooperation through seamless integration of new participants into BRICS parliamentary activities. We recognize the relevance and valuable contributions of the Parliaments of BRICS partner countries to the discussions and outcomes of this Parliamentary Forum, as well as to the broader promotion of a more inclusive and equitable international order.

We reaffirm the importance of parliamentary diplomacy as a key pillar of our collective efforts, serving as a unique channel to foster mutual understanding, build trust among nations, and support the peaceful resolution of conflicts. Through inter-parliamentary dialogue, we strengthen our international cooperation and promote the values of inclusiveness, solidarity, and sustainable development.



We welcome the progress made towards deeper institutionalization of our cooperation, particularly through the Johannesburg Memorandum of Understanding (2023) and its St. Petersburg Protocol (2024), which reinforce the parliamentary dimension within BRICS.

In light of the BRICS priorities under the Brazilian Presidency (Cooperation in Global Health; Trade, Investment, and Finance; Climate Change; Governance of Artificial Intelligence; Multilateral Architecture for Peace and Security; and Institutional Development), we, as representatives of our peoples, strive to promote legislative and political solutions for a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable future.

In accordance with the above, we adopt by consensus the following:



# JOINT DECLARATION FROM THE 11<sup>th</sup> BRICS PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

## I. Parliaments for Global Health

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- 1.** In light of the increasing relevance of the interface between sustainable development and global health issues, we will work together to strengthen international health cooperation, in an inclusive, equity-based, result-oriented manner, with due respect to the sovereignty and interests of all countries.
- 2.** Taking note of the adoption by the 78th World Health Assembly, on May 20th 2025, of the WHO Pandemic Agreement, we encourage joint efforts towards the substantial improvement of timely, equitable and unhindered access to quality essential health services and safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines, vaccines and relevant technologies for all. Furthermore, we will promote actions specifically aimed at addressing neglected tropical diseases and socially determined diseases, which disproportionately impact the Global South, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), as well as non-communicable diseases.
- 3.** We support the strengthening of parliamentary measures to support investments in digital health to expand access to health services in remote or underserved areas, as well as to promote the ethical and responsible integration of artificial intelligence into the health sector.

4. We recommend that the Parliaments of the BRICS countries intensify inter-parliamentary cooperation, particularly in monitoring and evaluating health policies and legislation, in line with the health-related United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 Agenda. They should also foster strategic partnerships among universities, public institutions, and the Health Industrial Economic Complex to promote research and development (R&D), and scientific and technological exchanges for the joint development of new products and therapies. The BRICS Parliamentary Forum reaffirms its commitment to actively supporting legislative initiatives that ensure health sovereignty, equity, sustainability, and technological innovation, recognizing that collective action and solidarity are essential to addressing global health challenges.

## **II. Parliaments for Inclusive Trade, Investment, and Finance**

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5. We emphasize the need to improve the international financial, trading, and monetary systems by enhancing coordination to reform the governance of multilateral institutions underpinning these systems. This includes strengthening the Global Financial Safety Net and ensuring that international institutions more accurately reflect the current reality of the global economy, particularly given the growing relevance of countries from the Global South. We therefore encourage the Parliaments of the BRICS countries to support efforts to reform the Bretton Woods



institutions, so that their governance is representative of and reflective of the interests and developmental imperatives of emerging markets and developing countries (EMDCs), including Least Developed Countries (LDCs). This entails revising shareholdings in the World Bank, realigning quotas in the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and increasing EMDC representation in leadership positions of international financial institutions.

- 6.** We reaffirm our commitment to a multilateral trading system that is rules-based, open, inclusive, fair, transparent, consensus-driven and anchored in international law. We support ongoing efforts to strengthen the World Trade Organization (WTO) while reaffirming the provisions of special and differential treatment for developing countries and LDCs as an integral part of the WTO and its agreements to ensure equitable growth for all.
- 7.** Concerned about the rise of unjustified unilateral protectionist measures and their ramifications on the global economy, we stress the importance of avoiding unilateral measures that could adversely affect global trade and economic development, and encourage dialogue and cooperation in accordance with the UN Charter and WTO rules. We underline that multilateral decision-making, based on consensus and mutual respect, is key to promoting global economic stability and prosperity.
- 8.** We encourage the resolution of trade disputes through inclusive multilateral mechanisms and highlight the importance of dialogue to avoid escalation and ensure equitable development opportunities.
- 9.** We reiterate our concern about the use of unilateral coercive measures, including illegal sanctions, which are incompatible with the


principles of the UN Charter and international law and produce negative effects on economic growth, trade, energy, health and food Security notably in the Global South.

- 10.** We underscore the importance of the enhanced use of local currencies in trade and financial settlements between BRICS countries and their trade partners. We encourage our competent authorities to continue consideration of the issue of local currencies, payment instruments and platforms.
- 11.** We consider it necessary to expand various BRICS instruments. Recognizing the importance of access to infrastructure financing, we highlight the vital role played by the New Development Bank (NDB). We also encourage NDB's further membership expansion and expedited consideration of applications of BRICS countries. Regarding international financial stability, we underscore the importance of the Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA) in mitigating balance of payments pressures.

### **III. Parliaments for Climate Action and Just Transitions**

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- 12.** As we approach the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP 30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to be held in Belém do Pará, Brazil, in November, and recognizing the urgency of addressing climate change, we encourage countries to intensify



their efforts, through dialogue and international cooperation, to raise their ambitions in attaining the goals and targets of the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement, achieve just transition pathways while reflecting equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in light of different national circumstances.

- 13.** We urge the developed countries to provide adequate and sufficient means of implementation to enable developing countries to advance their climate actions, including robust concessional climate finance, capacity building, and technology transfer, without placing additional burdens on developing countries, ensuring they are accessible, predictable and aligned with developing countries' needs.
- 14.** Aware of the fundamental role of parliaments in advancing legislation and policies aligned with the principles of the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we will seek to deepen inter-parliamentary collaboration to share best practices and develop joint strategies for cooperation on mitigation and adaptation efforts, carbon accounting standardization, the development of fair and transparent carbon markets and technology development and transfer, as appropriate.
- 15.** We recognize the essential nature of a balanced environment for the well-being of present and future generations, and we will intensify legislative efforts to implement actions aimed at restoring ecosystems, conserving biodiversity, conserving water resources, reducing plastic pollution, strengthening disaster-resilient infrastructure, and identifying

solutions to combat desertification, sand and dust storms, soil degradation, and drought, among other environmental challenges.

- 16.** Acknowledging the transformative power of the economy, we commit to promoting and developing policies that adequately assess climate and environmental impacts to ensure just transitions, stimulate low-emission economic transformation while considering the three inseparable dimensions of sustainable development.
- 17.** We acknowledge that the impacts of climate change and natural disasters disproportionately affect certain populations, including women, children, the elderly, refugees, migrants, persons with disabilities, traditional local communities and indigenous peoples, and residents of low-income regions. People in vulnerable situations should be included and considered in policy planning and decision-making processes concerning the response to such events and their adverse effects. In this process, we emphasize the importance of a just transition in labor forces, ensuring that workers are supported through skilling-reskilling-upskilling social protections, and inclusive policies that create sustainable and decent jobs in emerging sustainable industries.

#### **IV. Parliaments for Governance of Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

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- 18.** We recognize that, notwithstanding ethical and legal concerns, the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence presents significant opportunities



for sustainable development, the reduction of inequalities, and balanced economic growth. In this regard, we agree that the Parliaments of the BRICS countries should, in exercising their oversight and law-making mandates, play an integral part in formulating national legal and regulatory frameworks and policies that ensure transparency and ethics in the safe use of AI, aiming to mitigate biases, and uphold respect for cultural and linguistic diversity and human rights. In upholding the rights and interests of humanity, we stress the importance of human-centric, development-oriented, inclusive, reliable, safe, secure, trustworthy, unbiased, ethical artificial intelligence for the common good and for all, with clearly assigned responsibilities to the companies developing these technologies and compliance with national legislations. We look forward to BRICS cooperation to help developing countries strengthen AI capacity building, taking into consideration the UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/78/311 -- Enhancing International Cooperation on Capacity-building of Artificial Intelligence. Furthermore, we call for an increased global collaboration and the financing of AI projects in developing countries, with the UN at its core.

- 19.** We emphasize the need to strengthen the digital sovereignty of BRICS member countries by protecting data privacy and security, as well as by building resilient national technological ecosystems. To this end, we highlight the strategic role of partnerships among governments, the private sector, and academia in advancing innovation in artificial intelligence and in developing enabling technologies. We encourage the sharing of best practices that ensure privacy, data sovereignty, security


in the use of information and communication technologies, and the protection of intellectual property, in accordance with national legislation and regulatory frameworks.

- 20.** We emphasize the importance of ensuring inclusive and equitable access to artificial intelligence technologies for all countries. The benefits of AI should be shared in a manner that promotes innovation, bridges the digital divide, and supports sustainable development. We encourage international cooperation to ensure that all countries can meaningfully participate in the development, governance, and ethical use of AI, guided by principles of mutual respect, fairness, non-politicization and shared progress.

## **V. Parliaments for a Renewed International Peace and Security Architecture**

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- 21.** As we mark the 80th anniversary of the founding of the UN, we reaffirm our commitment to multilateralism, international law, and the UN Charter as the foundation of a peaceful, stable, and prosperous international order, anchored in the universally recognized principles of international law.
- 22.** We stress the urgency of reforming the current international peace and security architecture, which necessarily requires the strengthening of multilateralism, and support a comprehensive reform of the



United Nations— including its Security Council. This reform should make it more just, equitable, democratic, representative, effective, and efficient, better reflecting contemporary realities and the needs of the international community.

**23.** We believe that lasting security can only be achieved through genuine dialogue, mutual respect, and equitable participation of all nations in decision-making processes.

**24.** We advocate for the improvement of mechanisms to peacefully resolve international conflicts and disputes, ensuring greater participation by countries of the Global South in dialogues and peace processes. Rebuilding mutual trust and understanding among nations, through the effective inclusion of these actors, can significantly contribute to this goal. We will seek to pursue these objectives individually through our respective Parliaments and collectively through inter-parliamentary cooperation.


**25.** We express strong condemnation of any acts of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, whenever, wherever and by whomsoever committed. We condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir on 22 April 2025, during which at least 26 people were killed and many more injured. We reaffirm our commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the cross-border movement of terrorists, terrorism financing and safe havens. We reiterate that terrorism should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group and that all

those involved in terrorist activities and their support must be held accountable and brought to justice in accordance with relevant national and international law. We urge to ensure zero tolerance for terrorism, and reject double standards in countering terrorism. We emphasize the primary responsibility of States in combating terrorism and that global efforts to prevent and counter terrorist threats must fully comply with their obligations under international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the purposes and principles thereof, and relevant international conventions and protocols, in particular international human rights law, international refugee law and international humanitarian law, as applicable. We welcome the activities of the BRICS Counter-Terrorism Working Group and its five Subgroups based upon the BRICS Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the BRICS Counter-Terrorism Action Plan. We also look forward to further deepening counter-terrorism cooperation. We call for an expeditious finalization and adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism in the UN framework. We call for concerted actions against all UN designated terrorist and terrorist entities.

## **VI. Parliaments for the Institutional Strengthening of BRICS**

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- 26.** We recognize that the recent expansion of BRICS requires a continuous effort to improve our working methods and to strengthen the cohesion



of the group, including within the parliamentary sphere. We commit to continuing the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of the BRICS Parliamentary Forum and its Protocol in order to consolidate our cooperation.

- 27.** We encourage the strengthening and diversification of formats for inter-parliamentary interaction, including thematic meetings, forums for young parliamentarians, and meetings of International Affairs Committee Chairpersons, to deepen the exchange of experiences and best legislative practices. In particular, we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring the continuity of the BRICS Women Parliamentarians Meeting, emphasizing the importance of institutionalizing it as a regular annual event.
- 28.** We encourage Parliaments of the BRICS countries to monitor, as appropriate, the implementation of the commitments made by the BRICS Parliamentary Forum.
- 29.** We support the promotion of greater transparency and public access to the activities and documents of the BRICS Parliamentary Forum, including through the creation of special sections of the national Parliaments' websites dedicated to inter-parliamentary relations between the BRICS countries. This will support the goal of improving accountability to our citizens and enhancing the contribution of the parliamentary dimension to the broader objectives of BRICS.
- 30.** We recognize that training and capacity building are essential to promoting more effective parliamentary cooperation and, therefore, reaffirm

our support for initiatives that contribute to developing the skills, knowledge, and capabilities of parliamentarians and their technical and legislative advisors, to address the common challenges faced by member countries, including through the exchange of experiences and best practices among BRICS Parliaments.

- 31.** We recognize the importance of deepening institutional engagement between the BRICS Parliamentary Forum and regional and international parliamentary organizations. Strengthening these ties will promote greater awareness of the Forum's goals, mechanisms, and contributions to global governance. Such engagement is essential for enhancing trust in the BRICS parliamentary dimension as a platform committed to dialogue, multilateralism, and inclusive development.
- 32.** We emphasize that the long-term sustainability and effectiveness of the BRICS partnership rests upon strong people-to-people relations. In this regard, we encourage greater cultural, educational, and sports exchanges among BRICS countries. We also highlight the importance of organizing regular BRICS sports tournaments as a means to foster friendship, solidarity, and mutual understanding among our societies, especially among the youth. Enhancing public awareness of BRICS values and achievements will contribute to greater social cohesion and ownership of the BRICS vision among our peoples.
- 33.** Consistent with our previous resolutions, a formalized BRICS Parliamentary Forum would serve to strengthen and amplify the BRICS parliamentary dimension.



## Conclusion

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- 34.** We, the participants of the 11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum, express our sincere gratitude to the Chamber of Deputies, the Federal Senate, and the people of the Federative Republic of Brazil for their hospitality and dedication in organizing this Forum in Brasilia.
- 35.** We request the Presidency of the BRICS Parliamentary Forum to forward this Joint Declaration to our respective Heads of State and Government and to the Brazilian Presidency of BRICS, as a contribution to the XVII BRICS Leaders' Summit, to be held in Rio de Janeiro on July 6 and 7, 2025.
- 36.** We commit to continuing our joint work through parliamentary diplomacy and inter-parliamentary cooperation, and look forward to reconvening at this Parliamentary Forum under the Presidency of India in 2026, to whom we extend our support and convey our best wishes for success.



