

**Joint Statement on the meeting of Directors General on United Nations Affairs  
and Permanent Representatives to the United Nations  
of the G4 Countries in Tokyo (June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016)**

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1. The Directors General (DGs) on United Nations Affairs and Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (PRs) of the G4 countries (Brazil, Germany, India and Japan) met in Tokyo on 6 June 2016 to exchange views on the issue of the United Nations Security Council Reform. The previous such meeting took place in New Delhi on 4 March 2016.
2. Based upon a common understanding that the current Security Council does not reflect the geopolitical realities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the G4 meeting emphasized that the Security Council should be reformed to make it more representative, legitimate and effective.
3. The meeting discussed the current state of play of the ongoing Inter-governmental Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council reform in New York. The G4 members reconfirmed their commitment to moving forward the IGN process towards achieving a concrete outcome. In this regard, the DGs and PRs emphasized the G4's determination to accelerate its outreach to other reform-oriented countries/groups with a view to achieving an early and meaningful reform of the Security Council.
4. The meeting reiterated their commitments as aspiring new permanent members of a reformed Security Council, as well as their support for each other's candidature. They also reaffirmed their view on the importance of increasing representation of developing countries, notably African countries in both the permanent and non-permanent categories of an enlarged Council.
5. The G4 DGs and PRs agreed to hold their next meeting in September, in NY, on the sideline of the General Debate of the 71<sup>st</sup> Session of the General Assembly.