

Led by Brazil, G3 Strengthens Ties

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The Brazil, India, South Africa Dialogue Forum ended last week with the approval of a joint communiqué signed by the Chancellors of the three countries. In the document they reinforced their intention to remain united and determined to increase cooperation in the economic, social, and multilateral spheres.

There was also consensus over support for United Nations (UN) reform and the need for developing countries from Asia, Africa, and Latin America to obtain permanent seats on the Security Council.

In the commercial field, the Foreign Relations Ministers of Brazil, India, and South Africa, a group better known as the G-3, backed the creation of a business network between Asia and Africa and the integration of this network with Latin America.

The ultimate goal is to establish a Southern Hemisphere community of nations. With regard to the process of consultations in the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Chancellors concur with the candidacy of a country willing to push for the development agenda.

For the Brazilian Chancellor, Celso Amorim, the consensus, even through it is far-reaching, strengthens Brazil's candidacy in the WTO.

"Whoever reads it carefully will realize that there is one candidate who fits the description of who should be the next director general of the WTO better than the others," the Minister believes, based on text of the joint communiqué.

"Brazil is very clear that there are regional sensitivities that should be respected. But I think that the communiqué that was secured here is encouraging for the aspirations of the Brazilian candidate."

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