

Nigeria Joins Brazil Fight to Reform the UN

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Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva said in his speech during the banquet offered by Nigerian president, Olosegum Obasanjo, "Brazil and Nigeria are focused on the United Nations reform."

And "we want to make the Security Council become more democratic, representative and legitimate, with the inclusion of developing nations as permanent members."

Lula's previous stop of his trip to the African continent was at The Republic of Cameroon. Where, in a joint announcement released Monday, April 11, Brazil and Cameroon reaffirmed their support to the United Nations reform and the need to expand the Security Council.

President Paul Biya, according to the announcement, defended Brazilian candidature for a permanent seat at the Council.

Lula affirmed, "Brazil honors African Union's recent decision about the Security Council reform" and reiterated, "We will proceed firmly defending Africa's permanent presence in a reformed Security Council."

In his speech, the Brazilian President recalled G-20's joint effort: "We made this group an essential agent in the battle for an international exchange system that respects the fair value of our agricultural products."

And added "We may benefit from a greater relationship between the Mercosur and the Economic Community of West African States."

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