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INDIA'S GLOBAL INFLUENCE

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the Ministry is working to expand India's global influence in strategic international organizations such as the UN, G20, BRICS, and QUAD;**
- (b) the initiatives taken by the Government to deepen India's engagement with the Global South, ensuring mutual growth and development partnerships; and**
- (c) the manner in which the Ministry plan to enhance intelligence-sharing agreements with global allies, ensuring proactive defense against security threats?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a) India's membership of various multilateral and plurilateral initiatives such as UN, G20, BRICS and Quad and its own leadership in establishing various international institutions, including the International Solar Alliance (ISA), the Coalition for Disaster Resilience Infrastructure (CDRI), Global Bio-fuels Alliance and the India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) reflects the country's expanding interests and partnerships. Through these groupings, India has put forward its viewpoint on global issues such as reformed multilateralism, peace and security, climate change, transnational crime, terrorism, cyber-security, energy and food security.

At the United Nations, India engages in a forward-looking and constructive manner across all organs of the UN. It furthers its areas of interest in the UN in a proactive manner, including through its leadership role in realizing several landmark initiatives. These efforts have resulted in greater collaboration and closer engagement with partner countries. India has also been a strong advocate for more inclusive and equitable global economic growth.

India has emerged as an influential global voice and a consistent, balanced and reliable partner in the G20 grouping, placing it in a unique position as an effective bridge and unifying force between the East and the West, and between the developing and developed countries. During its

Presidency of the G20 in 2023, under the theme of “One Earth, One Family, One Future”, drawing upon our age-old belief of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", India seized the opportunity to highlight the priorities and concerns of the developing world and emerged as a leader of the Global South at the world stage. The induction of the African Union into the G20 during the Indian Presidency further amplified India’s role as a voice of the Global South.

India leverages BRICS to push for reforms in international institutions, like United Nations including its Security Council, aiming for greater representation of emerging economies. The common thread in BRICS is commitment to multi-polarity. The meetings and discussions of BRICS are aimed at finding common ground and working together to shape the global order.

With its positive and constructive agenda, Quad has emerged as a force for global good. Quad’s initiatives are aimed at complementing the region’s development priorities, accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, and delivering public goods to countries in the Indo-Pacific region. India has taken the lead in establishing the Quad Partnership on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) to respond to natural disasters in the region. Quad's positive focus on practical cooperation has been well received in the region.

(b) India has a people-centric foreign policy, guided by the demands and aspirations of its people. India has joined several groupings and piloted initiatives in a manner that promote India's engagements and interests at bilateral, regional and global level. India is a voice of peace, security and prosperity for all, particularly the Global South. India has always been committed towards addressing the needs and aspirations of fellow developing countries and has been constructively championing the cause of holistic human-centric development of countries of the Global South.

To deepen India's engagement with the Global South, India has hosted three editions of the Voice of Global South Summit. These Summits were aimed to deliberate specifically on Global South's developmental priorities and the solutions that can emerge for the unique challenges faced by them. The first edition of the Summit was held from 12-13 January, 2023 with the theme of 'Unity of voice, Unity of purpose'. The second edition of the Summit was held on 17th November 2023, under the overarching theme- 'Together, For Everyone's Growth, With Everyone's Trust'. The third edition of the Summit was held on 17th August 2024 with the overarching theme of "An Empowered Global South for a Sustainable Future". All the three editions saw participation by Leaders, Ministers and Senior Officials from over 100 countries.

Further, to strengthen our ties with the Global South, following initiatives have also been taken:

- i. Enhancing Connectivity and economic inter-linkages by undertaking projects ranging from large scale infrastructure development to community related projects in various sectors, including health, housing, environment and education.**
- ii. Extending financial, budgetary and humanitarian assistance to partner countries to aid them in mitigating economic challenges and overcome crisis.**
- iii. Contributing towards capacity building and skill development in countries of the Global South by offering scholarships and training programs to students and professionals.**

In order to deepen India's engagement with Global South, Honorable Prime Minister outlined the MAHASAGAR doctrine i.e. "Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions" (an extension of SAGAR doctrine) in March 2025 in Mauritius.

(c) With a view to bolster national security and address emerging threats, India has been engaged with global allies at various levels to enter into strategic partnerships and defence agreements/MoUs in various domains including intelligence-sharing agreements. In addition, MEA

regularly conducts Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting, during which proposals for intelligence sharing agreements are also discussed.
