

Meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers (New York 2009)

Press Communiqué

A meeting of the BRIC countries was held today at the Residence of the Brazilian Mission to the United Nations in New York. The meeting was attended by the Minister of External Relations of Brazil, Celso Amorim, and the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Russia, Serguei Lavrov and India, S.M. Krishna, as well as by Ambassador Liu Zhenmin, representative of the Foreign Minister of China, Yang Jiechi.

The meeting followed up on the process which began in 2006 with a BRIC Foreign Ministers' meeting parallel to the opening of the UN General Assembly.

It also follows up on the I BRIC Summit, in Yekaterinburg, on June 16, 2009.

The Ministers exchanged views on the results of the I BRIC Summit, on the outcome of the UN Summit on Climate Change, on the upcoming G-20 Pittsburgh Meeting, as well as on energy-related matters. They also discussed the arrangements for the II BRIC Summit, to be held in Brazil.

The Ministers decided that a Business Forum and a Conference of Think Tanks will be organized parallel to the II BRIC Summit and that a meeting of Agricultural Ministers and a meeting of statistical bodies from the four countries should be held previously to the Summit.

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