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**SIXTH MEETING OF THE**  
**MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GROUP OF FIFTEEN**  
New York, 23 September 1993

**SUMMARY RECORDS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

The Meeting was Chaired by H. E. Mr. Dinesh Singh, Minister of External Affairs of India. A list of delegates to the Meeting appears as **Annex A**.

The Chairman welcomed the Honourable Ministers and members of the delegations present. A special welcome was extended to H. E. Mr. Enrique Silva Cimma, the Foreign Minister of Chile whose country was now a fully fledged member of the G-15.

H. E. the Foreign Minister of Chile thanked the Chairman, emphasizing that his country intends to participate in the Group's activities with commitment and enthusiasm, and confirmed that H. E. President Aylwin Azocar of Chile would be attending the 4<sup>th</sup> Summit Meeting of the G-15 in New Delhi.

The Chairman, in his introductory remarks, stated that the major task before the G-15 was the enhancement of South-South Cooperation, for which tremendous potential existed and could be exploited if serious attention was paid to it. India itself had benefited from joint collaboration with countries from the South. We should also bear in mind the need for constructive North-South relations on the basis of cooperation and not confrontation. The large markets in the South should be taken advantage of and provide the basis for productive, joint collaboration with the North which could provide the latest technology, in return for enhanced trade possibilities with the South.

The Draft Provisional Agenda was adopted as presented and appears as **Annex B**.

**Item 1. Preparations for the Fourth Summit Meeting.**

- **Logistical arrangements.**
- **Summit Agenda.**
- **Draft Joint Communiqué.**

At the request of the Chairman, H. E. Ambassador Malik, Additional Secretary Economic Relations, Ministry of External Affairs of India, made a comprehensive presentation on the logistical arrangements and schedule of meetings for the New Delhi Summit to be held in December. H. E. Ambassador Malik informed the Meeting that these arrangements had been discussed at the Meeting of Personal Representatives, details of which appear in the Summary Record of the Chairman of that meeting.

A question was raised as to whether the Foreign Ministers of the G-15 should have a Meeting of their own while the Heads of State/Government were on Retreat on the second day of the Summit Meeting. H. E. Mr. Ali Alatas, the Foreign Minister of Indonesia, by way of clarification, pointed out that the Foreign Ministers meetings held at the time of the Summits in previous years were convened in order to negotiate and finalize the Joint Communiqué. It was evident from the proposed schedule of meetings that such a meeting has been arranged this year too and will be held on 11 December 1993, prior to the commencement of the Summit, as before. It was agreed that the Draft Provisional Agenda for the Summit would also be finalized at this meeting although the Chairman agreed to take into consideration any suggestions that would be sent to him earlier.

A point was also raised with regard to the level and number of technical officials/advisers, apart from interpreters and security personnel, that could accompany their respective HOS/G on the Retreat. It was noted that while in Dakar the venue was the same for both the Retreat and all other meetings, in Venezuela HOS/G were accompanied on the Retreat held outside Caracas, by one official at ministerial level together with an interpreter. Security arrangements were left to the host country. While it was accepted that the Retreat was a closed door affair with no participation other than that of the HOS/G, India agreed to explore the possibilities for making arrangements for the accommodation of one senior official at a suitable hotel located close to that being used by the HOS/G.

H. E. Mr. Ahmad Badawi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, confirmed that H. E. the Prime Minister of Malaysia would be attending the New Delhi Summit.

H. E. the Foreign Minister of Indonesia, reconfirmed H. E. President Soeharto's decision to attend the Delhi Summit and confirmed that his President would respond on behalf of the Asian region to the opening statement of the Chairman at the inaugural ceremony. It was also confirmed that, in keeping with past practice, only the Chairman would make a speech at the closing ceremony.

H. E. Mr. Andres Rozental, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, confirmed that H. E. the President of Mexico would attend the New Delhi Summit.

A point was raised as to whether the Retreat could be organized in such a way as to enable HOS/G to return to New Delhi on the evening of Tuesday 14 December 1993, to facilitate the participation by some in the Education for all Summit for the Most Populous States scheduled to commence on the afternoon of 15 December 1993 in New Delhi.

H. E. Ambassador Malik, responding on behalf of the Chairman, stated that an overnight stay in Udaipur was necessary since winter condition made it difficult to fly in and out of this city after a certain time in the evening and before 9-9:30 a.m. respectively. The G-15 Summit would be concluded soon after lunch and the Education for all Summit would commence at around 16:30 or 17:00 hours the same day, 15 December 1993.

### **Draft Joint Communiqué**

At the request of the Chairman, H. E. Mr. Malik informed the Meeting that the format and content of the Draft Joint Communiqué had been the subject of an in-depth discussion at the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Personal Representatives. During these discussions it had been agreed that a new approach should be adopted in developing the Joint Communiqué with an emphasis on

the G-15 objectives, its on-going activities and its informal dialogue with the G-7. This approach would also entail a brief overview of the international situation highlighting key areas for action over the next year or two such as Social Development, Population, Human Rights, Sustainable Development, etc. As a result of this discussion, the Draft Joint Communiqué which had been distributed to all those present, had been pruned to 5 pages from the original 12 and was much more incisive and distinctive.

The Draft Communiqué would be further modified following submission of comments and formulations from member countries which are required to be sent to the TSF by 30 October 1993 for onward transmission to India for consolidation.

The Meeting expressed appreciation to the Personal Representatives for responding to the call from the last Summit for a brief and focused Communiqué.

H. E. Ambassador Amine Kherbi of Algeria, referred to meetings held with the Bretton Woods institutions at the time of the ECOSOC sessions last July at which their attention was drawn to the systemic problems faced by the world today, aggravated by the transition of the political and economic systems of the former Soviet and eastern European countries, particularly with regard to the availability and flow of resources. This issue should be highlighted in the G-15 Communiqué. In addition, H. E. Mr. Kherbi stated that Algeria had proposed the convening of an international seminar on this issue which he was convinced would be a major factor in determining future North-South and South-South relations.

H. E. Ambassador Malik emphasized that the South's concern in this context had been clearly reflected in the recent G-15 message to the G-7 and mentioned that the Japanese Prime Minister had clearly indicated his country's belief that resources for development should not be diverted to countries of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

H. E. Mr. Gilberto Vergne Sabóia, Ambassador of Brazil, expressed his country's appreciation for the demonstration of confidence expressed by the Group in their decision to request Brazil to furnish the relevant sections on Human Rights which however, will be provided on an informal basis.

H. E. Ms. Cherrie J. Orr, Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Jamaica, while expressing appreciation for the Draft Communiqué before them, observed that para. 20 which deals with the question of Debt, requires more work. Jamaica would be making a contribution in this regard.

A view was expressed that attempts should be made to keep all inputs to the Communiqué brief and specific.

**Item 2.           Review of activities of the G-5, in particular, the outcome of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Personal Representatives of Heads of State/Government.**

The Chairman submitted the Summary Record of the Chairman of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Personal Representatives for consideration. H. E. Ambassador Malik presented a comprehensive overview of the outcome of the Meeting of Personal Representatives, also emphasizing the time spent on determining ways to enhance the effectiveness of existing G-15 projects through a process of evaluation and rationalization. Special mention was also

made of the proposals for projects to combat poverty, enhance communication and information flows and business sector cooperation.

H. E. Ambassador Malik observed that the Meeting of Personal Representatives had been constructive and forward-looking.

**Item 3. Contribution status.**

The Chairman referred to the document on financial contribution status and informed the meeting that substantial contributions were still outstanding and requested cooperation and financial support from Members of the Group.

At the request of the Chairman, H. E. Mr. Malik, presented to the Meeting, the contribution status as of 31 August 1993. With regard to initial contributions, the total amount outstanding as at 31 August 1993 was of the order of US\$ 770,000 or US\$ 570,000 if one did not take into account the amount due from Yugoslavia.

H. E. Mr. Malik further informed that at the Dakar Summit in November 1992, Member States pledged US\$ 75,000 each towards the operational expenditure of the TSF for 1993. However, as of 31 August 1993, only four Members had fulfilled their pledge and that the Argentine payment of US\$ 75,000 was expected before end September 1993. At the meeting of the Steering Committee, it was felt that this matter should be raised at the meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Group to seek their mandate to a follow-up action on the outstanding contributions.

The Meeting agreed to the proposed action whereby the Permanent Representatives of the Steering Committee in Geneva would send a second reminder to Member States on the outstanding contributions.

The Meeting expressed its appreciation to the Government of India and to the Chairman for the excellent arrangements made for the convening of this meeting.

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