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Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Letter dated 3 June 2005 from the Permanent Representatives of Brazil and Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to forward to you the text of the joint statement concerning cooperation between Japan and the Federative Republic of Brazil on United Nations reform, issued by the Prime Minister of Japan, Junichiro Koizumi, and the President of Brazil, Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, in Tokyo on 26 May 2005 (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 45, 53 and 55.

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**Annex to the letter dated 3 June 2005 from the Permanent
Representatives of Brazil and Japan to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Joint statement concerning cooperation between Japan and the
Federative Republic of Brazil on United Nations reform**

Tokyo, 26 May 2005

1. This year marks the sixtieth anniversary of the inception of the United Nations. The Prime Minister of Japan, Junichiro Koizumi, and the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (hereinafter referred to as “both leaders”), based on a common understanding that this is the year to realize a reform to strengthen the United Nations, welcomed the report of the Secretary-General “In larger freedom: towards development, security and human rights for all”.

2. Both leaders stressed the need for comprehensive United Nations reform, including in the areas of development, security and human rights, and also stressed the importance of the revitalization of the General Assembly, as it represents the general will of all the Member States, as well as the importance of enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of United Nations agencies and organs in the social and economic fields, such as the Economic and Social Council, in order to effectively address urgent challenges. They reiterated their resolve to further cooperate to make the summit meeting on the Millennium Declaration in September a great success.

3. Both leaders shared the view that the Security Council must be reformed to enhance its representativeness, effectiveness and credibility, so that it reflects the reality of the international community in the twenty-first century in order to effectively address today’s challenges. Both leaders, including in the G-4 setting, reiterated their determination to continue to support each other’s candidature and to work together towards realizing the reform of the Security Council, by expanding the membership in both the permanent and non-permanent categories, including developed and developing countries in the permanent membership, together with other Member States. Both leaders were resolved to work strenuously to accelerate their efforts towards the adoption of the framework resolution by summer, with maximum flexibility, and also called on other Member States to join as co-sponsors with a view to reaching as wide a base of support as possible.