

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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UNSC NON-PERMANENT SEAT  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the decks seem to be cleared for India to become a Member of the UN Security Council in the non-permanent category;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the G-4 nations, India, Brazil, Germany and Japan, have now mobilized support of about 138 nations for a text based negotiations on the expansion of the UN Security Council;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Pakistan, under the umbrella of United for Consensus Group also known as Coffee Club, has opposed India's move to raise the issue of UNSC expansion ; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIS. M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b): India is the sole candidate for the single non-permanent seat of the UN Security Council available to the Asian region for a two-year term (2011-2012) beginning 01-01-2011. India's candidature has received support from a large number of countries and has been endorsed by the Asian Group of member states of the UN. Elections for this seat will be held in the UN in October/ November 2010.

(c) & (d): In December 2009, the G-4 countries (India, Brazil, Germany and Japan) along with South Africa mobilized 139 member states to sign a letter dated 23-12-2009 to the Chair of the intergovernmental negotiations in the UN General Assembly requesting him to present a text to serve as a basis for future negotiations. The Chair invited written proposals from Member States and has announced that he will present a text for the forthcoming round of intergovernmental negotiations.

(e) & (f): The Uniting for Consensus (UFC) group, of which Pakistan is a member, has a different position from the G-4 group on reform and expansion of the UN Security Council. Unlike the G-4 group, the UFC group supports expansion of only non-permanent seats of the UN Security Council and is opposed to any expansion in the permanent seat category.