



## **COOPERATION IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE**

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*Regarding* the need to advance the reform of the United Nations, the world's most important multilateral organization;

*Recalling* the principles of sovereignty and non-interference adamant to the international system and to the BRICS nations;

*Bearing* in my mind the advanced debate the group heretofore has done at the BRICS National Security Advisors gatherings;

*Condemning* terrorism and all other forms of violence directed at civilians;

*Welcoming* the efforts so far made by the BRICS partners towards the construction of a multilateral global order;

The Brazilian delegation, therefore:

1. *Supports* the debate over an extensive United Nations reform, especially of its Security Council, so that its preceding importance is restored in considerable fields of international cooperation and humanitarian relief;
2. *Emphasizes*, nonetheless, that the BRICS countries are important players in the global security debate, and even though some of them are not Permanent Members of the above mentioned Council, their voices and positions ought to be heard in order to guarantee the prevalence of the global good;
3. *Acknowledges* the perils of the situation in Syria and the acts perpetrated by the so-called Islamic State in the Levant against minorities;
4. *Reiterates*, however, that external intervention in detriment of diplomacy is not the solution for that crisis, and fully endorses the "responsibility while protecting" principle;
5. *Endorses* the maintenance of the BRICS NSA annual meetings and the need to conciliate, whenever possible, the security and defense agendas of the BRICS member States;
6. *Underlines* the possibility for cooperation in the field of defense industry in order to obtain autonomy especially in sensitive information technology, as all nations compounding this group share various challenges when it comes to secure their borders;



7. *Recognizes* the need for further debates on cyber security in order to prevent the use of that kind of technology as a source of conflict, both among the member States of the BRICS and other relevant international actors;
8. *Stresses* the need to protect relevant data and information – both physical and online – in order to secure a country’s development and sensitive technology;
9. *Underlines* the need to further cooperate with the African continent, focusing not only on the developmental needs of the African people but also the pervasive consequences of State instability in that continent;
10. *Takes* note that in order to reach the aforementioned compromise the BRICS shall not repeat previous policy mistakes by interfering in those countries, but it will support efforts made both in the Gulf of Guinea and the Gulf of Aden in order to curb piracy and drug trafficking, a problem that directly hits Brazilian and South African interests in the South Atlantic ocean.