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PUBLIC MEETING

***New permanent members can only serve
to strengthen the UN Security Council***

THE MOSES ROOM, HOUSE OF LORDS

(St Stephens Entrance)

WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM

Chairman: Lord Judd of Portsea

Senhor Laudemar de Aguiar Neto Political Counsellor Brazilian Embassy	Mr Masafumi Ishii Minister Embassy of Japan
Mr K.S.Bhardwaj Minister, Press & Information High Commission of India	Herr Max Maldacker Political Counsellor, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

Brazil, Germany, India and Japan have issued joint statements seeking international support for their claims to become permanent members of the Security Council. Advocates for more representative membership of the Security Council and Board membership of the World Bank and the IMF argue that the current composition of the Security Council, last altered in 1963, skews its decision-making and weakens the UN's claim to universality. In recognition of these charges and in the face of today's extraordinary challenges, Kofi Annan appointed a High Level Panel to advise on how the UN should respond. It is expected that the Panel's report will cover membership of the Security Council. This meeting offers a unique opportunity to hear these countries present their case and to engage in debate.

This is an open meeting of the United Nations Association, Westminster. All are welcome. Please allow 20 minutes to negotiate the heightened security procedures now deployed at the St Stephen's entrance.

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