

*Lula says Brazil will defend
inclusive and sustainable
development from the G20*

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New Delhi, September 10 (RHC/Prensa Latina)-- Brazil at the head of the Group of Twenty (G20) will fight against hunger and work for social inclusion, energy transition and sustainable economic and environmental development, Brazilian leader Lula da Silva affirmed in New Delhi.

After receiving the G20 presidency from Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the closing ceremony of the G20 Summit in New Delhi, Brazilian President Luis Inácio Lula Da Silva assured that the South American nation will also focus on the reform of global governance institutions.

All these priorities are contained in the motto of the Brazilian presidency: "Building a just world and a sustainable planet." Lula added that the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty and the Global Mobilization against Climate Change working groups were created to facilitate management.

The Brazilian leader called for a redoubling of efforts to achieve the goal of ending world hunger by 2030, noting that if this is not achieved, the group will face the greatest multilateral failure in recent years. He also stressed that action to combat climate change requires political will and determination on the part of governments, as well as the transfer of resources and technologies.

Lula called for greater inclusion of developing countries in the decisions of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. He also described the external debt of poor countries as unsustainable and stated that it should be restructured.

Lula added that the revitalization of the World Trade Organization and the resumption of its dispute settlement system are necessary. He said that the United Nations Security Council needs to incorporate new countries and movements among its permanent and non-permanent members in order to recover its political strength.

The Brazilian president noted that the international community looks to the G20 with hope because the group brings together emerging and developed economies.

"We represent 80 percent of the global GDP, 75 percent of exports and around 60 percent of the world's population," he recalled.

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