A Summit of Substantial Success: The Performance of the 2008 G8

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Introduction

On July 7-9, 2008, the Group of Eight held its 34th annual summit at Lake Toyako in northern Japan. In the chair was Japanese prime minister Yasuo Fukuda, attending and hosting the summit for first time. Also coming to their first summit as leaders was British prime minister Gordon Brown and Russian president Dimitry Medvedev. It was the second summit for French president Nicolas Sarkozy, the third for German chancellor Angela Merkel and Canadian prime minister Stephen Harper, and the fourth for European Commission president José Manuel Barroso. It was Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi’s sixth, and the eighth and last for U.S. president George Bush.

At Toyako these G8 leaders made substantial advances in several very difficult, tightly interconnected fields. On the environment, where climate change stood as the defining challenge for the summit as a whole, they affirmed an alternative to the failed United Nations approach under which a little group of rich countries promised to do a little bit for a little while and largely failed to do it. In its place all G8 leaders approved an innovative, bottom-up sectoral strategy to which both the developed and developing world would contribute. They offered major new financing and technology to developing countries, liberalized trade in environmentally enhancing products, had all major emitters accept the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least half by 2050, pledged that all would act to control their carbon, and identified ways in which they would do so in the short and medium term. As a result, the United States, China, India, Brazil, Mexico and South Africa, at long last and just in time, accepted politically binding commitments to reduce carbon under a now genuinely global and prospectively effective climate control regime.

On the economy, amidst a housing crisis, credit contraction, slowing growth, rising inflation and soaring energy and food prices, G8 leaders, for the first time in a decade, faced serious economic and financial concerns. They ignored the poor growth in their economies and chose inflation as the key concern, called for imbalances to be reduced and did nothing to stop the dollar’s drop. Their treatment of trade and energy was equally week. They did set new directions for managing sovereign wealth funds and offered political, if not practical, support for shared and secured innovation and intellectual property rights.
On development, especially in Africa, G8 leaders moved forward on health, water, education and development assistance by reaffirming past commitments, adding mechanisms to monitor their compliance and supporting the healthcare workforce and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). They produced innovative medium-term approaches to food security by exploring a G8 strategic grains reserve and asking their agriculture ministers to meet. They further enhanced infrastructure, reduced corruption and built peace-support capabilities in Africa and around the world.

On their pressing political-security agenda, the G8 leaders moved decisively to restore democracy in Zimbabwe through actions set forth in a separate statement. They supported democracy in Afghanistan and their war against terrorism there. They will support sanctions and incentives to stop nuclear proliferation in Iran and offer incentives to do so in North Korea. They stood up for democracy, the rule of law and human security in Myanmar, Sudan and the Middle East.

On strengthening the G8’s own architecture for global governance, its leaders created mechanism to monitor more credibly, and thus help deliver more effectively, their compliance with their many ambitious summit commitments, especially those on health, that come due in 2010. They received an interim report on the Heiligendam Process and thus took the next incremental step toward including those outreach partners who show they are ready to accept the demanding responsibilities of being part of the G8 club. They said a second summit of the Major Economies Meeting would be held as part of their G8 summit next year, with the Outreach Five (O5) participating for a longer time.

These advances were driven by a Japan that was deeply committed to the G8 and the only member always were have hosted successful summits. Toyako extended this streak to a fifth time. Past successes included Japan’s first in 1979, with its historic achievements on climate change and energy, and Japan’s most recent in 2000, with its innovations on development and almost complete delivery of the many promises made.¹ For 2008 further momentum came, in the lead-up to Toyako, from a preparatory process featuring strong continuity with the priorities of recent summits, substantial compliance with the commitments made last year, intense bilateral summity among the G8 members and their O5 partners, an unprecedented sequence of G8 ministerial and broader meetings, and a full set of negotiating sessions by the personal representatives of the leaders.

A push toward high performance flowed from several forces. The first was the shock from oil prices reaching historical highs, from cyclones and floods that showed the costs of uncontrolled climate change, and from bank bankruptcies hurting G8 citizens already suffering from soaring food and gas prices, falling home and stock prices, contracting credit and confidence, and slowing wages and jobs. A second force was the internally equalizing and globally predominant capability among G8 members, thanks to an economically slowing U.S. with its dropping dollar, a rising Japan and Russia, and an expanding European Union and strengthening euro. A third force was the common commitment of the G8 countries and all their 16 invited participating countries but China

¹ Toyako in 2008 was less successful than Tokyo 1979 on energy, climate and overall.
to the G8’s core values of open democracy, individual liberty and social advance, as applied to energy security, African development, Zimbabwe, Afghanistan, Myanmar, the Middle East, North Korea and Iran.

However, several substantial obstacles stood in the way of a strong summit success, especially in the form of a big breakthrough codified in quantitative targets and timetables on climate change. There were no severe shocks to security, energy supply, national financial systems or health to show the G8 leaders their countries’ immediate vulnerability to global threats from outside and propel them into the high performance of past summits such as Japan’s first in 1979. Moreover, the UN system had already made efforts to respond to clean technology investment, the global food crisis and nuclear proliferation in Iran, if not to human security in Zimbabwe, Myanmar and Sudan. The UN also offered an alluring Kyoto protocol precedent as an alternative process and a 2009 deadline to tempt some G8 and O5 powers to delay acting on climate change at Toyako in the self-interested hope of getting themselves a better deal later on. Many of the most powerful G8 members, including host Japan, sent to the summit leaders who did not firmly control their parties or legislatures, who were deeply unpopular with their voters, and who would not be in office long enough personally to deliver the promises they made. There was a particularly strong temptation to delay doing any big deal on climate change, health, development and trade until 2009, when a new American president and Congress would arrive to fulfill the hope that they would accept and deliver the G8 partners’ most audacious demands. Finally, with eight invited African leaders participating in the summit’s first day, and the world’s eight other major emitters and emerging economies on the third, there was only one day in the middle for the G8 leaders to be alone to mobilize their collective political will and responsibility to lead the world.

They did do so as their invited partners joined all G8 colleagues in this task, just enough to make the summit a success. America’s George Bush and China’s Hu Jintao showed that they were true statesmen, by making the adjustments needed to produce the badly needed big global deal on climate change. With America, its Congress and Bush himself already moving in this direction, the world was watching Hu’s ecologically vulnerable country assumed a global responsibility commensurate with its global rise. Japan’s high-risk summit strategy thus paid off. Despite all the odds, Prime Minister Fukuda proved to be a global statesman as G8 host of the first rank.

The Preparatory Process

Since the very start the preparatory process for the Toyako summit had showed several promising signs for eventual success.

Japan’s Approach to G8 Summity

The first promising push came from the summits long past. Host Japan was the G8’s most committed member (Dobson 2007, 2004; Kirton 2004a). It brought to its 2008 summit a proud and proven record of performance, as Appendix A shows. Japan was an
experienced host, having mounted four previous summits, in 1979, 1986, 1993 and 2000. It had always hosted successful summits, according to Nicholas Bayne’s (2005) grades. It stood out as the only G8 member to have done so. The scores produced by John Kirton for the six dimensions of summit performance supported this view. In particular, Japan’s first summit in 1979 produced the historic consensus, fully implemented for the following five years, on the need to stabilize concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere at 1979 levels right away (Kirton and Guebert 2008). No other international institution or meeting before or after had ever done nearly as much to control climate change.

Japan’s performance at the last summit it hosted, at Okinawa in 2000, offered further promise (Kirton and von Furstenberg 2001; Kirton and Takase 2002). At this first summit of the 20th century G8 leaders had looked back on the failures of global governance in the previous century drenched in depression and war. They reflected on the performance of their own G8 born in 1975 and discussed how it should be strengthened to meet the needs of the international community in the globalized world ahead. Okinawa stood out for its broad and innovative agenda, its many achievements, its production of the G8’s highest ever compliance with its commitments in the G8’s 34 years and its innovative outreach to other countries and civil society. Japan delivered this strong success despite suffering from its “lost decade” of development during the 1990s, from changing its host prime minister suddenly from an internationally oriented Keizo Obuchi to a domestically-oriented Yoshiro Mori during the lead-up year, from having a lame-duck U.S. president, Bill Clinton, arriving at the end of his eight years in office, and from welcoming a brand new Russian president, Vladimir Putin, to the summit for the first time.

**The Recent Momentum**

A second promising push was the rising summit performance over the seven years since Okinawa. Across most dimensions of performance, notably the number of commitments produced, the G8’s record has risen to robust levels during this time. It had shown remarkable resilience, recovering rapidly from the dips in 2003 (due to the Iraq war) and in 2006 (when Russia hosted for the first time).

Also promising was the more proximate push coming from compliance by G8 members with their 23 priority commitments from last year’s summit. To be sure, as they reached the halfway mark between the 2007 and 2008 summit and as Japan settled into the chair, G8 members’ compliance had reached only +33 (on a scale where +100 is high or full compliance, 0 is partial compliance or a work in progress, and –100 is no or minimal compliance) (Erdman and Vanderlinden 2008). This was the lowest score since Kananaskis in 2002 (+27), well below Evian in 2003 (+43) and Sea Island in 2004 (+39), but about the same as St. Petersburg in 2006 (+35). However, on the eve of the 2008 summit, overall compliance had risen to +52. This was above the summit’s post-1996 average of +49% and the fifth highest score in the past decade, having been surpassed by the +78 for Okinawa in 2000, the +65 for Gleneagles in 2005, the +54 for Sea Island in 2004 and the +53 for Genoa in 2001. Heiligendamm secured complete compliance in the
two areas critical for Toyako — climate change and outreach (measured by the Heiligendamm Process of a structured, official-level dialogue among the G8 and O5.

The Global Agenda and Japanese Host’s Plans for 2008

The third promising push toward high performance came from the close fit between current global challenges and those that the G8 had confronted and conquered in its early years. This gave Toyako’s G8 governments some familiarity with these issues and an institutional memory about how to solve them. It also endowed its leaders with an incentive to live up to the high standards of leadership in global governance their predecessors and often domestic political rivals had set.²

At the Toyako summit G8 leaders faced challenges all too reminiscent of those that had inspired the G8’s birth in 1975. In energy, world prices for oil, again driven in part by conflict in the Middle East, surpassed in real terms the previous peaks from the oil crises of 1973 and 1979, placing a new premium on energy conservation, efficiency, alternatives, renewables and climate control. In the political-security sphere, nuclear proliferation, now in Iran, Syria, North Korea, Pakistan and elsewhere, again commanded centre stage, as it had in the wake of India’s nuclear explosion in 1974. In the broader Middle East, war was again taking lives on Israel’s borders, and now within Iraq and especially Afghanistan, as insurgents still killed at will. Here as elsewhere democracy itself was endangered in fragile states, while other closed countries such as Zimbabwe, Myanmar and Iran awaited its return or its arrival for the first time. It was a compelling call for action from a G8 whose foundational mission was to protect and promote open democracy, individual liberty and social advance worldwide. In finance a made-in-America, globally contagious financial crisis was driving major American banks toward bankruptcy, afflicting credit and currency markets, diminishing global growth and increasing inflation, and assaulting an international financial system still centred on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) from 1944 and still struggling to cope with a globalized world. In development newly interconnected global financial, energy, food and ecological crises compounded the challenge of bringing the benefits of globalization to Africa, the one region of the world that had largely been left out.

At the Toyako Summit the G8 would confront these challenges head on, based on a plan the Japanese had prepared well over a year before they assumed the chair. It included the four multi-year commitments to be met in 2008 and the five remit mandates from 2007 that Japan had allowed into earlier G8 communiqués (see Appendix C). In keeping with Japan’s highly strategic approach to G8 summitry, reaching several years back before it hosts (Dobson 2005), Japan from the start had decided to focus on climate change. By the spring of 2007, African development had been added as a key theme. By October 2007 intellectual property and nuclear safety rounded out the priority list (Guebert 2007).

² With 1979 as the dominant referent, this meant that Japan’s Fukuda wished to surpass China, America’s Bush Democrat Jimmy Carter, Germany’s Merkel Social Democrat Helmut Schmidt, Britain’s Brown Conservative Margaret Thatcher (also at her first summit), France’s Sarkozy fellow conservative Valéry Giscard d’Estaing and Canada’s Harper Progressive Conservative Joe Clark, above all on climate change and energy.
The key theme of the environment, with climate change at its core, had initially been signaled by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in March 2007. It was continued by his successor, Yasuo Fukuda, after the latter replaced him in September 2007. Here Japan sought ambitious results, in the form of G8 discussions on a “new framework that will ensure participation by the United States and China, the world’s largest greenhouse-gas emitters.”³ By this standard, the Toyako Summit would succeed if all major carbon polluters agreed to act to control their carbon. The summit would also receive the report, mandated at Gleneagles in 2005, on how to carry forward the sustainable energy dialogue and the interim report on the Heiligendamm Process, including energy efficiency, as specified in 2007 (see Appendix C).

The second priority, African development, had been publicly indicated even earlier, on November 18, 2006. Then a senior official from Germany announced that its 2007 summit would not focus on debt relief and increased aid to Africa because the 2005 report of the Commission for Africa (CFA) had left the issue to be taken up again by the Japanese G8 presidency in 2008. Following an April 2007 meeting in Tokyo between Italy’s then prime minister Romano Prodi and Abe, the latter stated: “As both our countries will be chairing these summits, co-operation is essential. The issues to be taken up at the G8 summit meeting are long-term issues.” Prodi added: “It is necessary to build a joint policy towards Africa ... Africa is developing economically amid globalization. We have up until now discussed major environmental and human disasters in Africa at our G8 meetings.”⁴ Also in 2008 Japan planned to hold the Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD-IV), a gathering of African leaders and their development partners starting in 1993 that had taken place every five years.

The third initial priority of intellectual property flowed from Japan’s 2007 summit success in securing recognition of the need to streamline and harmonize the international patent system, and its failure to get its desired agreement on a treaty to prevent the spread of counterfeit and pirated products. Japan sought to build on the 2007 leaders’ statement that “we recognize the need for continued study by national experts of the possibilities of strengthening the international legal framework pertaining to intellectual property rights enforcement.”⁵ Japan hoped to move to the treaty stage at its summit in 2008.

Japan’s fourth initial priority of nuclear safety had appeared in May 2007. A news report noted that “Japan plans to discuss compiling international safety guidelines for nuclear power plants with other members of the G8 nations, with an eye to reaching agreement at next year’s G8 summit in Hokkaido, government sources said ... The guidelines are expected to include assistance from the G8 nations on techniques for safety inspections and maintenance, as well as stipulating training for local staff and unified regulations on management in order to prevent the transfer or leakage of technologies or nuclear-related

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This item would repeat the one area of nuclear power that an otherwise divided G8 could agree on in 2006 and 2007. It also responded directly to the deadly nuclear accidents that Japan had suffered from at home (Donnelly 2001). The most recent shock came from a deadly earthquake that had struck Japan in July 2007, damaged a nuclear power plant and produced radiation leaks.

Well before Japan assumed the chair at the start of 2008, these contenders crystallized into three summit priorities: the world economy, climate change and environment, and development and Africa. Japan subsequently added nuclear non-proliferation as the centrepiece subject in the political-security sphere.

These choices reflected a judicious combination of iteration and innovation. The world economy returns G8 leaders’ attention to the topic that had dominated the early years of the summit, long before Russia joined in 1998. But economic and financial issues had been delegated to G7 and G20 finance ministers during the past decade, including at the 2007 summit when the current global financial crisis was starting to erupt (Kirton 2007). Climate change and African development continue to be the G8 leaders’ focus, as they were at Gleneagles in 2005, Heiligendamm in 2007 and, in the form of energy and health, at St. Petersburg in 2006. Nuclear non-proliferation, a classic political-security subject, made it into the summit host’s planned top tier in 2008 for the first time. In addition, Japan highlighted North Korea (including nuclear proliferation and abductions) and other Asian issues, which the G8 summit had dealt with before.

Japan was very cautious on G8 expansion. It had an ongoing dispute with Russia over the occupied Northern Territories, and was disappointed with Russia as a G8 member. Japan was reluctant to give a non-democratic neighbouring China a greater place in Japan’s G8, while China continued to keep Japan out of a permanent place in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

When Fukuda replaced Abe as prime minister in September 2007, little changed, much like the Obuchi to Mori transition for Okinawa. Japan’s agenda was publicly announced by Fukuda (2008) at the World Economic Forum in Davos on January 28, 2008. As summarized in Appendix D, it was a wide-ranging, internally interlinked and ambitious agenda that added surging oil prices, terrorism, keeping existing G8 commitments and multi-stakeholder participation to the earlier list. It was also an unusually specific agenda, accompanied by details about the proposals, goals and initiatives Japan would propose and unilaterally take. It clearly steered Toyaka toward using the G8 once again as a great global fundraiser, by identifying several new funding packages, led by a British-initiated, U.S. and Japanese-backed $10 billion Climate Investment Fund (CIF), that it would launch and ask its G8 and outreach partners (including Australia) to help fund. This agenda proved to be prescient as new global crises came. It served as a stable platform for preparing the summit in the months ahead (see Appendix E). It included boosting agricultural productivity, which became a Toyako priority and a favoured medium-term response when the global food crisis arose in April.

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The Sherpa Preparatory Process

The fourth, less promising push was the set of sherpa meetings the Japanese planned to prepare the summit (see Appendix F). The first took place very early, in Tokyo on January 10. Others took place in February and April. The sequence included a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Sous Sherpas (FASS) on May 8-9, a special FASS meeting in Paris in early June and an overlapping gathering of the sherpas and the FASS at the summit site on June 23-25.

The sherpas were led by Japanese G8 sherpa veteran Masaharu Kohno. But several other countries sent newcomers. Canada’s newly appointed (if G8 experienced) Len Edwards went to his first sherpa meeting in April. In mid-May Russia’s Dmitri Medvedev announced that Arkady Dvorkovich would replace Putin’s Igor Shuvalov, now deputy prime minister in the latter’s cabinet, as G8 sherpa. The new Berlusconi government took time to put its sherpa in place.

As of mid-May, some European G8 members felt Japan’s preparatory process was about two months behind the pace of recent years. They thought that each sherpa meeting had gone over the same issues, including those of outreach and expansion, where the G8 was badly divided. Some were surprised that the Japanese had not followed the German example and called a special sherpa meeting at an earlier stage.

The G8 Ministerial Meetings

A fifth promising push was the unusually dense series of lead-up ministerial meetings the Japanese planned, as they had in the past (see Appendix F). A draft of the Japanese schedule, unveiled at Heiligendamm on June 6, 2007, contained ministerial meetings on justice and the interior, labour and development, as well as energy and the environment and a meeting of the Gleneagles Dialogue among 20 countries devoted to global warming and clean energy.

This unusually dense web unfolded in the spring of 2008 through G8 meetings of ministers: for finance on February 9 in Tokyo, April 11 in Washington DC and June 13-14 in Osaka; for development on April 5-6 in Tokyo; for labour on May 11-13 in Niigata; for environment on May 24-26 in Kobe; for justice and home affairs on June 11-13 in Tokyo; for energy on June 7-8 in Amori; for science and technology on June 15 in Okinawa; and for foreign affairs on June 26-27 in Kyoto, just before the summit’s start. There was also a meeting of G20 environment and energy ministers of the Gleneagles Dialogue on March 14-16 in Chiba, and, innovatively, the fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) on May 28-30 in Yokohama. Notably absent, given the evolving agenda, was a meeting for G8 ministers of health, as in 2006, of agriculture and of defence.

At the senior official level, the Heiligendamm Process, a structured dialogue of the G8 and O5 members on investment, innovation, development and energy got off to an initially slow but subsequently encouraging start (Kirton 2008). It was due to produce to
G8 leaders and the public at the summit its scheduled interim report, in a document of reasonable length.

**The Lead-Up Summitry**

The sixth promising sign was the configuration of lead up bilateral visits among G8 leaders (see Appendix G). Despite his domestic constraints Fukuda took a full scale pre-summit tour of his partners, meeting virtually all his G8 colleagues in the half year before the summit was held. He led off with America’s Bush, followed with the visiting EU Commission president and French prime minister, then Russia’s leaders and China’s Hu Jintao. He followed with a tour of European capitals in late spring. Left out were Canada’s Harper, which owed Japan a bilateral visit that would be given as part of Harper’s summit trip just before the summit on July 6 and again just after, on July 10. The sociogram of bilateral lead-up summitry showed that G8 leaders would largely be familiar with one another when they all met together for the first time at Toyako, at the peak of a summit system designed above all to let real leaders lead.

**The Final Pre-Summit Negotiations**

Taken together, these six forces were likely to produce a summit of substantial success, both overall and across most of its priority themes and tasks.

**Overall Priorities**

By mid May, there was much continuity between the predominant global challenges, Japan’s longstanding agenda, and Japan’s publicly stated goals on the one hand, and the summit agenda and prospects for action. The unanticipated breaking challenges not on the earlier agenda — the food and oil crises and the natural disasters in Myanmar and China — had been easily absorbed. The initial concern with terrorism had faded from G8’s attention and agenda at an equal rate.

**Climate Change and Environment**

The first priority theme of climate change and environment stood as the make-or-break issue by which the summit as a whole would be judged. Here the first task was to have all G8 members and their O5 partners accept the ominous scientific findings of the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and subsequent reports, to recognize that climate change imperils both the global environment and world economy, and to agree that major measures on the part of all major emitters are urgently required right now. They then needed to define the essential framework of a beyond-Kyoto climate control regime — one that is effective, inclusive and based on binding targets accepted by all countries that count. To do so they had to conclude their hard bargaining on long-term and medium-term targets, timetables and baselines, and the contribution that Japan’s bottom-up sectoral approach would make.
While the G8’s European and Pacific powers had long been divided here, both sides showed flexibility. Moreover, the O5 powers, led by China, were also moving to help the summit arrive at a meaningful deal. Part of the solution lay in agreeing on technology development and transfer, forestry, sinks and biodiversity, funding for technology and adaptation, and linkages to the summit’s work on development, Africa, food and health. Also relevant was the role of various negotiation fora, notably the UN process, the Gleneagles Dialogue due to end this year and the MEM-16, whose first summit was likely to constitute the concluding climate change session of the G8 summit this year.

**Development and Africa**

The third priority of development and Africa also builds on the G8’s recent momentum and adds a new emphasis now. The framework for the summit’s discussions will be the 2002 G8 Africa Action Plan at the summit. G8 leaders plan to hold an accountability session to review how well they have fulfilled their commitments made in 2002 and after, starting with their most high profile promise to double aid to Africa by 2010. They will review and support the progress Africa is making toward good governance at the national and regional level. Another major focus will be how well the G8 and world is doing at the halfway point on meeting the MDGs. At Toyako pride of place goes to education and especially health, starting with HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, polio and the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and expanding to embrace health systems and the health workforce. Also prominent will be the response to the food crisis especially in its medium-term dimensions, and the tight links of development with climate change, biodiversity and trade.

**World Economy**

The G8’s third priority theme of the world economy began with the dynamics of globalization, as they are currently and dramatically being felt in the areas of finance, energy, investment and food. Here the focus was on stimulating the world economy in response to the current slowdown, asking if more fiscal stimulus is appropriate, or if the recent reductions in interest rates and internationally co-ordinated injections of central bank liquidity had already generated too much present and future inflation in too many parts of the globe. A second concern was coping with the 21st-century style contagious credit crisis that started with the subprime mortgage problem in the U.S. but had caused a much wider array of credit markets to freeze around the world. Here G8 attention centred on the causes and transmission channels of the crisis, the role of mortgage lenders, commercial and investment banks, hedge and private equity funds, rating agencies and insurers, and what regulatory and supervisory measures should be taken, nationally or internationally, by whom and when.

Also prominent on the G8’s economic agenda were trade, where the badly overdue Doha Development Agenda of multilateral trade liberalization was in big need of a boost. Equally important was investment protectionism, including the need for internationally
harmonized rules for the ever wealthier and more internationally active sovereign wealth funds. Attention extended to innovation and intellectual property rights, to corruption, corporate social responsibility and natural resource management and to energy security. Here world oil prices spiking to new highs in May threaten to imperil global growth and the political fortunes of most G8 and O5 leaders back home.

**Political Security**

Beyond this already ambitious agenda is the summit’s de facto priority of nuclear non-proliferation. This is a subject of particular importance for Japan as the only G8 member which has experienced first hand the horrors of a nuclear attack and which lives so close to a new, unpredictable nuclear power — a totalitarian North Korea that invaded South Korea in 1950, shot a missile over Japan more recently, and is evidently exporting nuclear material to other non-democracies such as Syria now. Also of concern is a nuclear committed and non-transparent Iran that supports insurgents and terrorists and a precarious nuclear-armed Pakistan that could still fall further into Al Qaeda and Taliban hands. A central challenge for G8 leaders is preventing these groups from moving easily from their sanctuaries in Pakistan to terrorize and kill innocent civilians and the soldiers of many G8 members now fighting for freedom in Afghanistan. Also important are strengthening the successful G8’s 2002 Global Partnership Against Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction in Russia and confronting the conflicts in Sudan, Haiti, Zimbabwe, Kosovo, Tibet and Myanmar.

**Outreach, Expansion and Reform**

Perhaps the greatest challenge for Toyako is the architecture of the G8 summit and system itself. Already a centre of global governance that many national governments, intergovernmental organizations and civil society want to part of, the G8 has responded at Toyako by inviting an unusually large number of participants to the summit, in ever changing combinations, through the summit’s three days. But G8 members differ about how far, how fast and how the G8 should further integrate its now established O5 partners, or even make them full members of a new G13 as France’s Sarkozy and Britain’s Brown have publicly proposed or along with Egypt in a G14 that Sakozy has now suggested. G8 leaders must also decide whether to extend the Gleneagles dialogue beyond 2008 and steer the Heiligendamm Process which will issue an interim report to the summit in 2008 and a final report in 2009. And for 2010, the G8 has during the past decade has made 23 ambitious commitments to be reached in eight areas, including reducing emissions of greenhouse gases. The greatest drama and defining test of Toyako in 2008 will thus be whether it can move a reluctant America and the major ecological powers of China, India, Brazil, Mexico and South Africa towards accepting binding targets to control their climate changing activity in the years ahead.
After the Paris FASS Meeting

Just before the last sherpa meeting took place on June 23, it was clear that progress was being made in the preparatory process but that it would take the leaders themselves to resolve the large impasses that remained on the central issues.

A FASS meeting in Paris, held on the margins of the OECD ministerial, had been added to the initial preparatory schedule because there was much to discuss. At the meeting were a mixture of veteran and rookie FASSs, with a strong Japanese chair who was engaged, steered the discussion towards conclusions and offered a fair summary. The meeting went well, with participants agreeing on what the issues were but not the details. With a very co-operative approach they challenged each other on details in a desire to get them right. They discussed the draft communiqués line by line late into night. There was a certain amount of understanding where certain countries had more difficult issues. These were handled respectfully. It was much the same at the political directors sessions.

The Summit Documents

After the special sherpa meeting in Paris on The G8 teams continued to negotiate and draft the documents to be issued in their leaders names. The Japanese continued to insist very seriously on a tight, short, concise, focused summit document, without a rambling discussion of all the issues their ministers and officials had worked on. It would highlight climate change, development and economic growth internationally, with Africa being a major component. There would now also be a separate stand-alone document on terrorism, and probably another on food security as well. It was not clear how and when the main document would be released during the summit. One possibility was to release each section on a specific subject (such as environment, climate development, investment, the world economy, nonproliferation and peacekeeping) as conversation packages throughout the summit, to form one package at the end.

The separate counterterrorism document responded to the very strong desire of the Americans to give this issue prominence in the same was as at every other summit since 2001. The separate food document reflected the decision of the Japanese to respond to current situation, to make sure G8 showed leadership on that issue. There would also be a chair’s summary that would comment on some of the regional issues

Environment and Climate Change

Climate Change

Climate change was still front and centre, and a continuing source of debate. It was the issue where there was the least consensus, above all on medium and long-term goals. The U.S. very much saw it as a priority in regard to long term and medium term process. But it saw the MEM process as more important. The U.S. wanted to have the G8 endorse an
MEM process that would offer long term and medium term targets from all MEM members. The U.S. also sought a strong G8 statement on clean technology.

Members tried to reach consensus that was useful and directive without crossing anyone’s red lines. Europe and Japan were very respectful of not prejudging the MEM before its forthcoming meeting in Korea that would be followed by the G8 sherpa meeting on June 23. While the issue was contentious, there was much mutual respect in the room and attempts from one side or the other to suggest where the targets belonged. There was a good conversation on how we might move forward.

**Biodiversity**

Biodiversity would be a component of the environment and climate change part of the text. The negotiations on that had not yet begun so there was no draft text.

**Development and Africa**

On development and Africa in general there would be a continuing focus by the G8 on the issue and the economic situation in Africa. There would be comments on corruption related to economic development. But there would be little new.

**Biofuels**

Biofuels was a more contentious issue. The U.S. pushed for language on biofuel sustainability wanted it in the energy security portion of the statement, rather than the food security one. Not everyone agreed. But the conversations went well, with solutions on the language being sought.

**Health**

Health was a key part of the development and Africa theme. The U.S. in particular put a great deal of energy and negotiating power into making sure statement on health was very strong. Here they focused on outcomes and results on HIV, AIDS, malaria, and polio, including the commitment on polio at Gleneagles. As no one was performing well, the U.S. challenged its partners to review these commitments, identify what they were doing to meet them and show that action would take place. The U.S. and G8 were also interested in supporting an initiative to increase the number of health workers in Africa, to reach a level of 2.13 workers per 1000 people. Another thrust was neglected tropical diseases, where President Bush was passionate and hoping to get the rest of the G8 to contribute the one billion dollars that the WHO said would reduce would by 80 to 90 percent the seven major neglected tropical diseases.
Millennium Development Goals

The MDGs also aroused disagreement. The U.S. saw development as broader than the MDGs and while others generally agreed they sought to focus on the MDGs. There was much disagreement on where the G8 was meeting the MDGs and what to do to meet them in the years ahead. Here most sought to be more accountable, but faced technical challenges in measuring performance relating to exchange rates, bilateral and multilateral mechanisms, and the unique disease specific approach used in the U.S. It was thus hard to compare how all were measuring a specific commitment such as that on HIV/AIDS. The challenge was to find the right balance to properly measure how a specific commitment was being met.

World Economy

Food Security

On food security there would a strong and comprehensive statement looking at the short term, what could be done to improve productivity in agriculture, and food security and prices over medium- and long-term. The prospective stand-alone statement on food security was not discussed in any individual detail. But there was great concern about the international crisis.

There was a relative consensus on food security, as reflected in the statements the leaders had individually released. This consensus covered the short-term needs that needed to be addressed now and, as food prices were expected to be high for next decade, longer-term solutions for the G8 and the rest of the world. There could be a plan of action, especially if accountability could be assured. The G8 was thinking hard about how it should make commitments and how it would hold its members accountable for delivering them. The answer was not yet well formed.

World Economy

Open Investment and Sovereign Wealth Funds

On the world economy, open investment was a very high priority for the US. It sought political leader-like messages to endorse the open investment that had been good for all the G8 economies. This was generally agreed.

On the more specific issue of sovereign wealth funds there were different ideas. One was to use bilateral investment treaties to regulate them. All agreed it was important given the current climate for leaders to endorse and support steady open investment.
Corruption and Intellectual Property

Corruption too was important for the U.S., as it had been since 9/11. Despite the Japanese desire to keep the communiqué short and tight, it would probably include highlights of the accomplishments of the past few years. The U.S. sought major G8 commitments on R&D, commercialization and fiscal incentives here. It pushed for and was very likely to get a strong G8 statement, similar to last year’s about the importance of intellectual property but with strong follow-up commitments this time.

Energy

On energy security, the Japanese had broken it up to treat it in different parts of text. This was a contrast to the single treatment at Heiligendamm last year. Energy security was deal with in world economy section and contained strong language here. But there were no reference to oil prices. Some countries wanted this in, but others did not.

Nuclear Energy

On nuclear energy several countries including the U.S. sought a stronger endorsement than last year. While the Germans continued to resist, there were some grounds for hope in the eyes of the U.S. but not of the Japanese host.

Open Markets

Open markets was a priority for Britain and the U.S. But there remained a tendency to leave the reaction to the WTO, whose 40 most relevant ministers would not meet until well after the G8 summit this year. It was not yet determined what they G8 would say on Doha, as it depended on developments in the WTO.

Finance and Macroeconomics

Issues of finance and exchange rates would be largely left to finance ministers. The U.S. was wary of G8 intrusion into issues it considered its own domestic ones. But attention to the macroeconomic situation and the balance between growth and inflation would be hard to avoid.

Political Security

In the political-security domain, the G8 had decided to deal in its leaders’ document with the global security issues of nonproliferation, counterterrorism, peace-building and peacekeeping crime. These would provide a frame for many of the regional issues to be discussed, a list that included Iran, North Korea, Zimbabwe, the Middle East peace process (MEPP), the political situation in Lebanon and perhaps Sudan, the Caucuses and Kosovo. There would be a specific reference to peace-building and peacekeeping and
innocuous comments on crime, followed by text on the regional issues flagged at the summit. There were issues about which countries to discuss and how to report G8 conclusions. But like last year on Kosovo ways were found to say something constructive and meaningful.

**Terrorism**

Counterterrorism and nonproliferation were very important to the U.S. They would be presented as recurring summit themes. Terrorism was particularly important, both for its substance but mostly for ensuring that the leaders stayed strong and clearly focused on the threat. There was no disagreement among G8 partners here. They U.S. would lead the summit discussion on terrorism and nonproliferation as well.

**Proliferation and the Global Partnership**

Proliferation also commanded consensus, including issues of enrichment and reprocessing. On the Global partnership, the G8 had made good progress in Russia and the CIS. There were issues about nuclear terrorism and expansion. There was a strong desire from some G8 members to expand. There was likely to be agreement in terms of past pledges and looking for opportunities to expand.

**Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding**

At Sea Island the G8 had made specific pledge on training and contributions. The U.S. believed it was fulfilling its commitments and sought to get G8 partners to help in the cause.

**Corruption**

On corruption G8 leaders would review past efforts the G8 had committed to over the past six years. These included extractive industries, the UN convention now ratification and the kleptocracy initiative from a few years ago.
Iran

Iran is covered in the nonproliferation statement, equal among concerns. Not the first paragraph. Nonproliferation as a theme is a concern, Iran a particular concern. We’re pressing to be clear and consistent in what G8 says re Iran in that it’s not pursuing nuclear weapons capability, and in terms of dialogue and diplomacy and respecting sanctions and living up to what the UN and IAEA is doing.

Afghanistan

On Afghanistan, a particular Canadian priority, G8 foreign ministers were due to issue a stand-alone statement at their Kyoto meeting as a follow-on to recent Paris Afghanistan Compact pledging conference. The G8 statement would and highlight continued support for Afghanistan national development strategy. At Toyako, G8 leaders would take note of that. In a single page statement on Afghanistan they would recognize there was still much work to do in regard to coordination on the ground, focus on border areas and connecting well with Islamabad and Pakistan and support Karzai in that co-ordination. There was no plan to comment on Iraq.

Myanmar

Myanmar would receive comment in the leaders’ document in two ways. One was support of the UN-ASEAN process to get access to Myanmar and a clear assessment of what was needed in terms of disaster relief. The second was a call, maybe not explicitly on human rights, but for more transparency on the regime.

Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe would receive attention due to the failure of Robert Mugabe to hold a free and fair election there on June 28.

Kosovo

Kosovo remained a question mark. Some suggested the G8 had done what it could, that Kosovo was moving in the right direction did not need further comment from the G8. Others argued it was not done yet and that the international community and the G8 in particular would need to focus on it. It was a difficult issue for there was a clear divide in the G8 and one outlier on what the G8 should say.

The U.S. was prepared to be flexible. The Kosovars would soon endorse their constitution. There would be continued intra-EU discussions on security forces. The U.S. had a strong interest in the state of Kosovo and its independence being secure and recognized. The G8 could call for support on recognition of its independence, for a smooth transition of EU forces and for constructive engagement between Kosovars and Serbs. With Kosovo’s independence successfully the true tension in the G8 was gone,
even if differences of opinion remained. This was an issue on which the EU was expected to lead and carry the load.

**Caucuses and Georgia**

There could be a similar situation with the Caucuses, particularly Georgia, where the G8 might comment. There was a strong effort among the G8 members to collaborate and comment positively on a process for the Caucuses and Georgia and a resolution to the tensions there, to bring the Georgians and their opponents into a better dialogue.

**China**

On China, there would probably not be a comment. But the G8 could comments on the earthquake, its strong support for efforts of recovery and reconstruction. China’s response to their earthquake was a perfect contrast to Myanmar’s. The Chinese mounted a rapid response, open to assistance from the international community. They had been rather transparent in handling the disaster.

**Tibet**

Tibet was more likely to be taken up at the foreign ministers than the leaders meeting. It very important for the U.S. and G8 to discuss and promote positively the outreach the Chinese had made to the Dalai Lama. There were positives to comment on, with the intent to signal support for some of the progress and possibly with an undertone of concern on other issues where there had been less progress. But there was no agreement within the G8 as to whether and how to discuss Tibet.

**Summit Process**

**Accountability**

Accountability was a key priority for the U.S. and President Bush personally. The U.S. pressed hard for the Toyako documents to include a stocktaking in terms of what had been done in past summits and to make sure there were mechanisms to measure progress now. The US strongly sought to have the G8 show where they had met their commitments, largely on health, but also on peacekeeping, anticorruption, intellectual property and across the board. Such a stock taking would show the world what the G8 had done to add to the credibility of the G8.
Outreach

Major Economies Meeting

The MEM would continue on as separate entity on its own after Toyako. The U.S. did not see the MEM as part of the G8. Nor did their counterparts.

Heiligendamm Process

At Toyako, the Heiligendamm Process would provide its scheduled interim report to the leaders, in the form of a public document so some length. The O5 leaders would meet with the G8 for breakfast on the final day of the summit exclusively to discuss the Heiligendamm Process. But the O5 as a separate group would have no larger role in the summit.

Expansion

There would be no moves at Toyako to institutionalize outreach, for the O5 or anyone else, let alone expanding the G8. Beyond the Japanese, the U.S. was opposed to expansion. So were the Italians, who would receive the HPs final report at their summit in 2009 and the Canadians who would host in 2010. The U.S. did not support G8 expansion, was not open to a discussion of it, and would oppose the French in doing so when they hosted in 2011. As a leader in Europe France would face demands from its European neighbours such as the Netherlands were it to try to expand. And it was uncertain how many more summits Gordon Brown, the other expansionist, would attend. As with UNSC reform there was natural consensus among the G8 about who else to include. And after Toyako, a G8 that continued to deal with climate would have to cope with the precedent of Indonesia, South Korea, and Australia having come. Raising the issue of expansion would inspire a reflection of likemindedness, raising an inconvenient question that would make Russia resist having such a debate.

The Summit’s Eve

On the summit’s eve, many of the existing differences had narrowed, so that the G8 leaders and their partners could concentrate their formidable capabilities on only the largest things. The very largest of these was climate change, reinforced by the rising challenges of energy and food. On these issues as elsewhere, Toyako was well on track to be a summit of substantial success.

Climate

Toyako’s biggest achievement would come on its centrepiece subject of climate change. Here the G8 and their major outreach partners would together agree on the central architecture of a climate control regime to replace the fundamentally flawed and failed
Kyoto approach of old. The Toyako leaders will agree that they all must and will control their carbon. They would endorse the sectoral bottom-up approach that will enable everyone to contribute to carbon control right away, and improve their performance as knowledge, technology and competitive pressures expand. They would also accept the relevance of carbon sinks, starting with avoided deforestation that will allow the great biodiversity and forestry powers of Brazil, Indonesia, the United States, Canada and Russia to make an enhanced contribution that finally counts. Together these new principles of “all in,” “bottom up” and “sinks count” would form the foundation of a “beyond Kyoto” regime that promises to cope effectively with the urgent, even existential problem the global community now confronts.

To encourage this agreement and its effectiveness, the Toyako leaders will take further steps. They will endorse and fund Climate Investment Funds so that several billion dollars now and at least $10 billion in the near future will be available to finance the flow of clean technology that China, India and so many other carbon-afflicted countries need. They will further call for freer trade in carbon-reducing products and services, so that these and the technology embedded in them can flow faster, wider and less expensively to benefit all. They will also finally agree that they need nuclear power, with its virtually emission-free performance, as part of the solution, within the G8 and around the world.

And they will help those already afflicted by the natural disasters now coming with more frequency and severity due to climate change.

To provide a common reference point for their long-term efforts, the Toyako leaders will signal more clearly than before that they all understand they collectively need to cut their carbon emissions by at least 50% by 2050. They may even signal convergence on common reference points for medium-term targets and timetables in specific sectors, to build on the considerable commonality that now exists. It will be left to the UN process to fill in the details that will help some to contribute to the new architecture for global climate governance that the 2008 G8 at Toyako will create.

**Development and Africa**

After the final scheduled sherpa meeting, the new draft communiqué of June 25 showed several advances on the development and Africa agenda. These confirmed that Toyako was on track to become a summit of substantial success.

**Food**

On food, the G8 would create a new Strategic Grains Reserve. Here all G8 countries, and not just scarcity-haunted Japan and Germany at present, would stockpile grains in a coordinated systems that would release stored supplies into the market when scarcity came again. It would thus lower food prices, inflation and stagflation in the G8 and stop starvation, malnutrition and social unrest in the developing world outside. With the world’s great grain-producing powers of the U.S., Canada and Russia contributing, they
created the commodity buffer stocks that the UN system with its diverse north-south confrontation in the 1970s had failed for so long to do.

Elsewhere on food and agriculture several useful advances were made. One was to restore agriculture, after a long absence, as a priority for development and its institutions and assistance. Another was to generate a second green revolution, through measures to develop and transfer techniques and agro-biotechnology, including the greater global use of now proven genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Health

On health, which took seven paragraphs in the draft communiqué on development and Africa, the G8 innovatively added to the G8 agenda paragraph-long treatments of the health workforce and travel restrictions for HIV-positive people, while elaborating elsewhere on integrating health systems and disease-specific approaches. It contained 21 commitments on health (compared to 43 last year), including one to give all children access to basic health care by 2015. It outlined in detail what it had done to deliver past commitments, promised to deliver the outstanding ones and established a mechanism to monitor compliance with its health commitments this year. However, the list of diseases whose commitments it promised to “honour in full” excluded HIV/AIDS, where they committed only “working toward” the goal of universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care. They also created a new mechanism to monitor compliance in health.

G8 Negotiations at the Summit

Development and Africa

The summit opened at noon on Monday, July 7, with the G8 leaders’ meeting with their seven invited African counterparts, Ban Ki-moon of the UN and Robert Zoellick of the World Bank. They met over lunch for two hours and then had a two-hour working session, for a total of four hours of discussions. They sat interspersed around the table. There was some social discussion over lunch.

TICAD IV

Fukuda, as chair of both G8 and TICAD, started with a discussion of the May TICAD meeting. Several African leaders, including Tanzania and Ghana, commented.

Fukuda made a short presentation on Japan’s TICAD meeting in May 2008. He reported that he committed Japan to double ODA by 2012, with a focus on agriculture, development and education. Japan also committed to increasing and fully mobilizing its policy tools so the direct investment could be doubled in five years’ time. Fukuda devoted himself as chair of the meeting rather than prime minister representing the Japanese government. He emphasized that at TICAD there was an agreement to set up a
follow-up mechanism to monitor the TICAD process as a whole and its impact on Africa. TICAD produced the Yokohama declaration and action plan.

The African leaders expressed their gratitude for their invitation to attend the outreach meetings. The consensus was that TICAD was a resounding success. The doubling of ODA in five years and the focus on infrastructure assistance were highly appreciated, as was the doubling of Japanese investment.

There was a expression on the part of both the African and G8 leaders that growth would depend on more than just assistance, and that what was needed was the active participation of private sector and the flow of capital, and there was fair discussion on the need for investments. A couple of African leaders mentioned that this was a two-way street and that Africa had to meet the G8 countries halfway, in reference to governance and the effective use of aid.

**Food**

The leaders discussed the increases in food and oil prices. The African leaders referred to the fact that agriculture in their countries was suffering from the very tight demand-and-supply situation. There is a need to increase the capacity of food production on the African continent, and Fukuda proposed doubling the supply of rice. The G8 was expected to help African side. The G8 would continue to extend agricultural protection and assistance for improving agriculture in general. Also the African leaders asked the G8 to provide the appropriate technology in assisting African agriculture, including the provision of seeds and fertilizers. The G8 leaders mentioned that they have been prepared to continue to assist in agriculture sector, including support for a small-scale firms that are in desperate need of such support and assisting in water cycle management. Indeed, it was mentioned that in some parts of Africa 90% of the rainwater flows into directly into the ocean without being utilized. Water cycle management will be very effected. There was discussion that there was still a need for an emergency response and G8 will continue to respond accordingly.

There was a discussion of the challenges facing Africa, and indeed the world, as a result of the increased oil and food prices and the consequent difficulties in Africa and with development. The discussion on different food-related issues continued on and off, although the emphasis was not so much on immediate needs, which were felt to be being met through the World Food Programme — to which Canada had contributed. No one specifically said the immediate need for food aid had passed. Instead, the emphasis was on ways to revitalize agriculture in Africa, and special emphasis on increasing food production, opening markets and also resolving issues related to trade among developing countries. No one specifically said the African leaders did not need immediate food aid, but they did discuss the need to revitalize the agricultural sector in Africa, as a longer-term solution.

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**Oil**

The leaders did not discuss oil prices at any length. They noted the predictable need to get oil producers and oil consumers working together, and referred to the emergency meeting in Jeddah and its importance. The African leaders said their economies were suffering because of increased oil prices, and that countries such as Nigeria and Algeria were needed to help their fellow Africans. They recognized the responsibility of oil-producing countries, including themselves, to consider the impacts of high prices. The African leaders said that the dialogue between oil producers and consumers continues to be important and that, in this regard, they very much expect G8 leaders to show stronger leadership in conducting dialogue with OPEC.

**Climate**

The leaders did not discuss any long-term targets or commitments to quantified national targets. The African leaders requested that the G8 support African countries in preventing further desertification and in protecting forests and improving access to renewable energy. They was a reference to the Cool Earth partnership. Japan was prepared to provide a total of US$10 billion to support the developing countries that are willing to introduce environmentally friendly technology into their economies.

**Trade and Investment**

The leaders discussed trade and investment for Africa and acknowledged that trade and investment were vital for sustained African economic growth. The G8 leaders said an early conclusion of early Doha inclusion was important.

**Millennium Development Goals and Compliance Monitoring**

Some African leaders referred to the several commitments to achieving the MDGs that have been made in past summits. They felt that implementation was not sufficient by itself and that it was necessary to monitor to what extent those commitments have been met or achieved. The G8 leaders responded by saying there are various forums, open to all African leaders, where these issues can be discussed. It was pointed out that the African Partnership Forum has existed since the 2003 Evian Summit, and its fourth meeting was hosted in Tokyo.

There was a feeling among all the participants that there should be a better monitoring system in place. Several African leaders in fact suggested that one outcome of the meeting could be an improved monitoring system, a suggestion that picked up by the G8 leaders who asked their sherpas to think about what could be done. The issue may be picked up in 2009 summit to be hosted by Italian government. One leader suggested that they need to follow how aid is being taken and used. The discussions were very productive, with many two-way exchanges.
One main theme that was brought up at lunch and continued into the afternoon was the necessity of G8 countries as well as other countries to meet their ODA commitments. Another theme was that the focus was not so much on sending more dollars to Africa but on implementing existing programs. Several African leaders emphasized that they were not looking for more money and that enough money has already been pledged.

The G8 leaders were unanimous in noting that if things continue as usual it would be difficult for Africa to achieving the MDGs by 2015. They agreed that they must improve the situation. Ban Ki-moon reminded them of the UN MDG summit in New York on September 25, 2008, and looked forward receiving renewed and new commitments from donor communities.

**Good Governance and Zimbabwe**

The subject of Zimbabwe came up during lunch and continued on and off during the afternoon session. The G8 leaders said that good governance was generally making steady progress but that Zimbabwe remained a problem. They did not accept the Mugabe government, which was a strike against the entire African continent. Some G8 leaders emphasized that sanctions should be strengthened, while others called for an early resolution.

The G8 leaders stated strongly to the Africans that the regime of Robert Mugabe is illegitimate and should not be tolerated, and that they should take whatever steps they deem necessary to remove Mugabe from power. They said that public opinion in their countries questions why the world would tolerate such a regime, and questions why Africa tolerates such a regime. They pointed out that the regime reflects poorly on Africa as a whole and thus has links to economic and social development. At same time the G8 leaders who spoke recognized that this was something Africans must deal with themselves, as it is in their region, and the G8 offered its support. The Canadian prime minister intervened strongly, talking about the fact that this illegitimate regime could not be tolerated and that there is need for fundamental change in Zimbabwe. He hoped for the restoration of the rule of law in Zimbabwe and a renewed commitment to democratic processes and the respect for human rights. This is not something that can wait years or months but must be dealt with immediately. The African leaders thus received a strong message from the G8 leaders.

The G8 leaders stated that unless progress is made very quickly, there would be a call for increased general international sanctions, by the G8 countries and also by the UNSC. There would be a resolution that would oblige all UN members to impose sanction.

The Africans responded that no one accepted what had happened in Zimbabwe and noted, as did the Canadian prime minister, that three observers from African organizations themselves had recognized that the results were unacceptable. A number of African leaders said they shared the frustration with their G8 partners. As president of SADEC, Thabo Mbeki mentioned the notion of a power-sharing arrangement between the leader of the opposition and Mugabe, in his discussion of the discussions currently under way.
following recent AU meeting trying to find a negotiated solution. He made the point that he had been asked, as the head of SADEC, to try to resolve this situation and he was doing his best.

The AU had met on June 30 and July 1, and passed a resolution on Zimbabwe. The G8 leaders were unanimous in their support of that resolution. The AU plays a mediation role in resolving this issue. G8 leaders also voiced their hope that the issue would be resolved soon. The African leaders pointed out that they did not ask the G8 leaders to do anything, but they explained the essence of AU resolution on Zimbabwe. Some African leaders suggested that Mugabe would retire in a few years’ time. There was concern that putting pressure on Zimbabwe and sanctions might lead to internal conflict in Zimbabwe. Although the members of parliament were elected in March but no government had been formed. The problem is that no executive government has yet be formed. The AU suggested forming a united government but there was no conclusion as such. The G8 would continue to discuss Zimbabwe by themselves the following day. Whether the G8 would issue a separate statement on Zimbabwe was still not decided.

Day Two: The G8 Alone

Day Three: The O5 and MEM

G8 Results

The G8’s 2008 Toyako gathering proved to be a summit of substantial success. It was worthy of a grade of B+, or 78%, on the scale pioneered by Robert Putnam and Nicholas Bayne (Appendix H). It was marked by a striking success on its centerpiece subject of climate change, substantial advances on development and Africa, food security, accountability and Zimbabwe, solid management of its many other issues but a serious failure in governing the global economy.

Climate Change

On the centerpiece priority of climate change Toyako produced a full A performance. It affirmed a new set of norms that put in place alternative architecture for controlling carbon of far more prospective effectiveness than the fundamentally flawed and failed Kyoto regime. The G8 agreed that all major carbon polluters must control their carbon, that all G8 members, now including the United States and Russia would do so, and that their long term goal was a reduction of at least 50% of emissions by 2050. It declared that midterm targets and national plans were needed, and that the bottom-up sectoral approach pioneered by Japan was a useful tool. They boldly bound themselves to a far reaching midterm target, with the words: “…we acknowledged our leadership role and each of us will implement ambitious economy-wide mid-term goals in order to achieve absolute emissions reductions…” These bold directions and decisions were reinforced by several
specific medium- and short-term actions. In the mid term, the summit identified energy efficiency, clean energy, national goals, renewable energy and clean coal by 2020, through the broad deployment of carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) technology by that time. In the short term it specified the aviation, maritime, sustainable biofuel sectors, a nuclear energy infrastructure initiative and 20 CCS demonstration plants by 2010.

To provide incentives for the other major carbon polluters to agree to and support this architecture and action plan, the G8 offered abundant finance and technology transfer, trade liberation, sinks, 3R measures and dialogue. On finance the G8 promised scaled up assistance support for disaster risk reduction, $10 billion in R&D with $6 billion so far for the Climate Investment Funds, more for the Global Environmental Facility and a reminder it was providing more than $100 billion by 2010 to the CEIF. On trade it offered free trade in carbon-reducing products, services and remanufactured goods. On sinks it supported REDD, legal logging, forest fire protection and biodiversity co-benefits.

The major developing countries responded, in partnership under the MEM, with just enough commitments on their part to put the new G8-pioneered architecture firmly in place. They said clearly “we will do more” and “will continue to improve our policies and our performance.” They further pledged to control their own carbon with the words “developing major economies will pursue … nationally appropriate mitigation actions … with a view to achieving a deviation from business as usual emissions.” They thus made a politically binding commitment to control their own carbon, just as the G8 had asked.

To give life to these commitments, the developing economies through the MEM declaration promised several actions that were highly compatible with the G8’s plan in both the short and medium term. In the short term up to 2012, they endorsed the sectoral approach and improving efficiency through it and promised to “improve significantly energy efficiency.” In the medium term they emphasized how sinks could help stabilize greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and identified deforestation, forest degradation, forest fires, forest governance and land use and its change. For the long term they supported a “shared vision” of co-operative action with a “global goal for emissions reductions.” They bluntly affirmed “deep cuts in global emissions will be necessary” and urged “serious consideration” of “ambitious IPCC scenarios.”

Most broadly the MEM endorsed an agenda that was highly compatible with that of the G8. There was a similar convergence on the basic principles in both. There were only three major differences: the MEM’s emphasis on the UN process; on financing, technology transfer and capacity building; a refusal to identify “at least 50% by 2050” as the long-term goal for themselves.

Amidst this major movement there were some missed opportunities in controlling climate change. First there was only a small step to endorse nuclear energy as a critical zero-emission source. Second, there was no effort to end the use of carbon-saturated coal, beyond the endorsement of the experimental, unproven technology of CCS. Third, there were no specific measures to stimulate renewables such as wind, solar, geothermal and
hydro, although second-generation biofuels got a verbal boost. Fourth, energy conservation and the need to reduce received only a passing nod. Fifth, there was no direct affirmation of or major movement on the 997 commitment to reduce greenhouse gases by 2010 — now only two years away.

Criticism came from some that G8 leaders were making their 50-2050 commitment from different base years, rather than the Europeans’ Kyoto favourite of 1990. This criticism had little merit. There was no scientific rationale for 1990. The increase in emissions between 1990 and 2008 was much smaller than the business-as-usual increase in the 42 years from 2008 to 2050. The promise of “at least 50%” meant in Japan’s case a 60-80% reduction, with the additional cut more than compensating for the 1990 to 2008 change. And there was never any chance that the U.S. or O5 would accept 1990 as the new base year for themselves.

**The World Economy and Energy**

On the host’s second priority of the world economy and energy, G8 performance was poor, worthy of no more than a grade of C– (62%).

The statement opened with a suggestion that all was well with the global economy at present and that any negatives were merely future risks. It reflected poorly the reality of the voters struggling to pay or secure their mortgages, get or keep their jobs, and watching all the major world stock markets shrink by about 20% since October, outside of Canada (whose economy had contracted in Q1). Consistent with this view that growth was not a problem, the statement issued tough inflation-fighting words.

This one-paragraph treatment of macroeconomics was followed by a paragraph on finance. It merely endorsed what the Financial Stability Forum (FSF) and G7 finance ministers had decided to do some time before. The next morning, the major papers headlined a new round of financial distress, sparked by fears about the creditworthiness of America’s leading mortgage lenders, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae.

The next paragraph on imbalances was somewhat better, calling on “emerging economies with large and growing current account surpluses” to have “their effective exchange rates move so that necessary adjustments will occur.” But it offered no signal that the dropping U.S. dollar would stabilize or rise.

On trade, the G8 called, as always, for the long overdue Doha Development Agenda to finally get here. But it did nothing concrete to help, despite its critical role in this field in the past.

An investment more was done. The G8 specified the narrow criteria that should be used to restrict investment and called for protections to let the rest freely flow. It similarly called for freer capital markets, welcomed properly governed sovereign wealth funds and recognized the need for corporate social responsibility from major firms.
On energy little was said and even less was done. While noting the “sharp rise in oil prices” they called for supply side measures that were well beyond control. On the demand side, there was no call for energy conservation or many of the other effective measures the G8 in 1979 had invented and endorsed.

Development and Africa

Political Security

G8 Reform

The Host’s Performance

As the G8 chair, Japan’s Fukuda proved to be a genuinely global leader, putting in a performance worthy of a full A grade of 85%. Much like Prime Minister Mori in 2000, the last time Japan hosted, Fukuda arrived late as prime minister, had little experience in international affairs and inherited a design for a leaders-driven summit constructed by someone else. On the road to Toyako, he also suffered from losing control of his legislature’s upper house and from plunging popularity at home. But he proceeded with a high-risk summit, held hostage on its central climate issue as to whether China and South Korea — hardly Japan’s most trusted partners historically — would come through for Fukuda on the summit’s final day.

They did, making Fukuda’s great gamble pay off, as it had for Canada’s Jean Chrétien on Africa in 2002. Fukuda thus showed himself to be a leader in moving the world forward on this genuinely global issue. He expanded his leadership in Asia by having China, South Korea, Indonesia, Australia and more distant Asia follow the path he paved. He extended his leadership in Africa through TICAD-iv, then the African outreach on the summit’s opening day and finally by delivering much for Africa on health, food security, compliance monitoring and the breaking crisis in Zimbabwe here democracy and human life were critically at stake.

Dimensions of G8 Performance

The substantial success of Toyako was confirmed by its performance across all of the six performance dimensions by which any international institutions summit can be assessed.

Domestic Political Management

On the first dimension of domestic political management, the Toyako Summit produced eight communiqué compliments, signaling out individual members for their contribution (Appendix I). Japan lead with two, including for its important Nuclear Infrastructure Initiative. Only Canada and Italy were absent from the compliment list.
Editorial approval also made Toyako successful, especially for its host. Japan’s elite daily newspaper, the *Asahi Shimbun*, concluded on July 9 that the summit took a “step forward” on climate, with a “significant” request for all to adopt the 50% by 2050 goal and their own adoption of a medium term goal. It also “deserves credit” for addressing finance, fuel, and food, even if there was a “lackluster result” here. On July 8 the *Asahi* called for strong summit action against Mugabe, which came that night. Japan’s largest circulation daily, *The Daily Yomiuri*, also concluded on July 10 that the summit was a “significant” event that should continue, with no need to expand. The *Japan Times* on July 10 agreed that Toyako was “significant” and a “modest step forward.”

Outside Japan, editorial opinion was mixed. The *International Herald Tribune* on July 10 applauded Bush’s effort to offer $50 billion more for infectious disease. The *Boston Globe* commended Bush’s emphasis on accountability. But the *New York Times* on July 13 concluded that Bush was “merely posturing” on climate change, given his subsequent behaviour back home. And the *Financial Times* of London declared that then G8 was all “pipe dreams and cigar smoke,” producing only photo ops and bland communiqués, and in need of adding China, India, Brazil and Spain to make it a G12.

Public opinion also approved of Fukuda’s performance. Toyako’s long lead-up had helped Fukuda from being eased out as prime minister or being forced to go to the polls before his summit started. The summit itself offered him an opportunity to show his party colleagues, fellow legislators and voters that he was a world leader who could deliver results and thus deserved to stay on as PM or at least depart with dignity at an appropriate time. Indeed, as Fukuda’s pre summit tour of Europe ended, and the summit approached, his approval ratings had finally started to rise from near 20% to close to 30%.

During the first poll after the summit, taken by Kyodo news on July 11-12, approval of Fukuda’s cabinet rose from 25% in June to 26.8%. The disapproval rate declined 6.7% to 53.5%. But when asked about Fukuda’s leadership as G8 chair, 51.4% did not rate it highly, while only 30.3% did. Asked if the summit curbed global warming 56.2% said no while only 37.2% said yes. Support for Japan’s opposition parties also increased.

In the U.S., the G8 summit, far more than his many other trips abroad, gave Bush a chance to boost his polling numbers in his last year and burnish his legacy as a global leader. His shifts in American climate change policy on the summit’s eve, could help his and the summit reputation on this critical issue for publics in America and elsewhere in the world. Already in America, the G8 had received attention from all three major candidates for the presidency, with the G8 priority issue of energy and the environment being the focus for those on the Democratic side.

In Russia, the summit also offered the new president Medvedev an opportunity to show he was a world leader, just as Putin did in 2000. Yet now Medvedev had the much larger task of establishing his reputation alongside that of a revered Putin with a powerful presence, in contrast to an ailing Yeltsin, who quickly faded away.
Britain’s Brown also used the summit to restore his popularity at home. It was he who led the public demands that the G8 add the food and fuel crises to the summit agenda a priority concerns.

Germany’s Merkel used the summit consensus to help her shift policy the way she wanted at home. On the first Sunday after the summit she told the *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper that she would slow Germany’s planned phase out of nuclear energy in order to control climate change.

**Deliberation**

On the second performance dimension, deliberation, the summit was a strong success. G8 leaders alone and with their MEM partners issued a total of six documents containing 16,842 words, the fifth highest in summit history in the latter regard. Development and Africa came first, with 19% of the total, or 27% with the separate statement on Global Food Security added. It was followed by environment and climate change with 16% or 25% with the MEM communique added. The world economy received a respectable 13%.

**Direction Setting**

On the third dimension of direction setting, the summit was also strong success, as measured by the number, breadth, innovativeness and democratic foundation of the principles and norms it set.

A leading indicator here had been the substantial list of principles by which the Japanese would address the agenda, as contained in Fukuda’s Davos speech. That speech also identified several interconnections or “crosswalks” among the themes and issues, suggesting the probability of a coherent and consistent package of summit-produced principles and norms.

The summit itself affirmed a large number and range of democratic values (Appendix K).

**Decisional Commitment**

The number of commitments Made Toyako a strong success, as the many specific and ambitious proposals in Fukuda’s Davos speech had suggested it would be. Toyako produced 280 commitments, the third highest in summit history (Appendix L). Development and Africa lead with 70 while Food Security added another 29, for a total of 99. Climate change and the environment received 46 from the G8 alone and a further 29 from the MEM, for a total of 75. The world economy took 49, making Toyako far more of an economic summit than many in the recent past. Political issues received 40, counterterrorism 13 and Zimbabwe two.
Climate change alone received 53 commitments from the G8 and MEM communiqués. Energy received 26 from the G8 communiqué, Food Security Statement and MEM Statement. Food and agriculture received 27 from two G8 documents. Together these big three issues secured 106 commitments or 38% of the 280 total.

The money mobilized at Toyako also suggested a strong success (Appendix M). These included the $10 billion CIF, which could be counted as official development assistance (ODA) as outlined by Fukuda at Davos. This British initiative was to be financed by Japan, Britain and the United States, should their legislatures approve. As of mid May, none of their G8 partners had signaled they would join this donors club. But as the summit ended, a total of $6 billion had been raised.

In addition, health received major new money, with Bush taking the lead. The 2007 Heiligendamm commitment of $60 billion was now given a timetable for disbursement.

The strong stress at the summit on fulfilling outstanding commitments added more money in practices, especially with the OECD’s Development Assistance Committee (DAC) numbers showing dropping ODA flows.

**Delivery through Compliance**

On the dimension of delivery, on compliance with commitments, the G8’s emphasis on keeping existing commitments suggests that Toyako is likely to perform well, subject to the cautions identified immediately above. Also suggesting caution is the fact that money mobilized — where momentum is concentrated at the moment — has not proven productive in catalyzing compliance in the past (Kirton et al. 2007b; Kirton 2006). Nor has referring implementation to other international organizations and Toyako is heading toward asking the IEA in energy and the UN on climate to help do its work. However, the G8’s prospective reliance on the IMF and World Bank to assist with finance and development, and the invitation for the World Bank to attend the summit are promising, for these are the core international organizations (and G7 controlled ones) in the finance and development field. They have proven their compliance boosting potency before (Kirton 2007b, 2006).

**Development of Global Governance**

The prospective performance on the development of global governance is also somewhat promising. The MEM-16 formula will be strengthened and Toyako could even produce to a plurilateral summit institution similar to the MEM-16 dedicated to climate change. The Gleneagles Dialogue will be continued in rebranded fashion as the Toyako Dialogue, dedicated to devising a low carbon society. Both legacies will strengthen the principle and practice of a G20, at the level of leaders and ministers alike.

In contrast, there will be no bold moves on the outstanding questions of outreach and expansion. Japan is reluctant and has thus far been increasing outreach at the summit in...
ways that dilute China’s distinctiveness and that could delay and make more difficult any expansion of the G8 toward or into a G13/14.

In regard to civil society, this G8 did well in affirming the multi-stakeholder principle in the host’s proclamation at Davos. But beyond there were no new G8-centered civil society institutions that arose in the lead-up to or at the summit itself. With so many invited guests to attend to, the G8 leaders and host would have little time to deal directly with civil society at the summit, especially in ways that repeat Japan’s innovation at Okinawa the last time.

The Propellers of Performance

As they approached the final stages of their journey up to the Toyako mountaintop with the slope getting ever steeper, but all still holding hands so that none would fall to their death, G8 leaders were pulled toward success by some of the powerful forces from the outside world that had reliably produced high G8 summit performance in the past (Kirton 2004a).  

Shock-Activated Equalizing Vulnerability

The first force, pushing for substantial summit success, was the increasing, interconnected, equalizing vulnerability of G8 members to physical assaults from abroad, a vulnerability becoming ever more activated and apparent by severe shocks. These shocks sprung up in energy prices, ecology, food and finance. They spread simultaneously in a complex, closely interconnected cluster among the four. In the first and most potent field of security, there were few of the classic old and new shocks of defeat in war, nuclear explosions, terrorist attacks and civil strife to show G8 leaders their countries vulnerabilities and inspire them to co-operate. While all produced attrition events, none generated a single, galvanizing outbreak shock or the sort that the July 7 London subway bombings had in 2005. In Iraq, America and Britain’s divisive war was going relatively well, with a surge in U.S. troops that threatened to become permanent — at least until the U.S. presidential and Congressional elections were held five short months hence. In Afghanistan, where all G8 members were at war together against terrorism in its epicentre, the poppies, police and porous border with Pakistan remained serious problems, especially with the approach of summer when Taliban offensives traditionally took place. Here small shocks came from the surprising Taliban jailbreak in Kandahar and the rising allied death toll, led by the 50 American troops killed in the first five months of 2008 — about double the year before. The British and

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7 I am indebted to Japanese Sherpa Masahru Kohno for providing on July 3, 2008 this highly evocative and appropriate metaphor, replacing Putnam and Bayne’s ‘Hanging Together’ from all-American Benjamin Franklin and applied with then summit was in a dark defensive mode, rather than proactively soaring to sunny peaks.

8 The impact of these vulnerabilities and shocks, both individually and interconnected, as they drive summit performance can be traced in part by identifying explicit references to them in the summit communiqués.
Canadians saw their own body counts rise too. In the Middle East, Hezbollah, considered by many G8 members to be a terrorist organization, threatened to overthrow the western-backed government in Lebanon, if in ways far less dramatic than the conflict in that country at the time of the G8 summit in 2006.

There were also no shocks from nuclear proliferation similar to the galvanizing explosions in 1974 and 1998. Indeed, North Korea’s explosion of the cooling tower at its nuclear weapons site on June 26th suggested that non-proliferation might finally be proceeding there. On September 6, 2007, Israel had destroyed a suspected Syrian nuclear weapons site in a decisive strike. And while Iran remained unyielding, it took no major steps toward becoming a nuclear state, even as the UN prepared to impose further sanctions to make it stop. Indeed, on the eve of the summit, it said it would talk to the Europeans about the offer they had made. Further afield India sought with America’s help to return to the nuclear control club and Mohammon Singh seemed to have the domestic political strength to accept the U.S.-Indian nuclear deal.

Terrorist attacks were largely absent from all G8 countries and almost no G8 citizens died from it abroad. Only in June did terrorist again strike Russia’s Chechnya, killing six. The terrorists had retreated to more distant places such as Algeria, and returned to the local level of civil strife. It was a far cry from the Al Qaeda-directed terrorism of global reach that had first attacked America and killed its citizens at the World Trade Centre in New York City in 1993. Civil strike more broadly was also subdued within the G8. But rising oil prices sparked labour unrest, strikes and stoppages in Europe and Japan.

The second, highly potent field of energy did feature a real shock, which Britain’s Gordon Brown labeled the third energy crisis following those in 1973 and 1979. Steadily soaring energy prices doubled since the last summit to reached historic closing highs of US$145.20 a barrel for month forward West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude on the NYMEX on June 27, just before the summit’s start. As in 1979 this spike led to pocketbook pain at the pump and peaceful political protests in some G8 countries, and most of the O5. It also directly fuelled a food, inflation and stagflation crisis or concern in O5, African and other developing countries, and prospectively within the G8 too. But despite disruptions caused by violent civil strife in Nigeria, price controls in China, and lack of money for imported fuel in the Marshall Islands, there was no state controlled supply shock targeted against the G8, as there had been in 1973 or 1979. Indeed, at a special consumer-produced summit in June, Saudi Arabia — the enemy of 1973 and 1979 — increased its oil production and promised it would further meet whatever global demand arose. The failure of this promise to move markets suggested that for the first time, the world faced a permanent demand-driven shock, and one that only climate friendly measures for conservation, efficiency, alternatives and renewables could meet.

In the third field of ecology, a sequence of shocks arose in the form of deadly water waves. They arrived first in Asia, two months before the summit’s start. Cyclone Nargis struck Myanmar on May 2-3, leaving more than 133,000 dead or missing, and endangering up to 2.5 million people due to a regime that refused to let aid in to protect

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9 The historic intraday high, also on that day, was $U.S. 145.85.
its own citizens lives. The cyclone served as a second shock, especially for those in Asia, of the deadly Asian tsunami of December 2004. Severe flooding in China, which took more lives, followed soon after Myanmar’s cyclone. In America deadly floods moved from the Midwest down the Mississippi toward New Orleans, where Hurricane Katrina had recently arrived from the warming waters of the Gulf of Mexico to submerge the city. Deadly earthquakes in China and then in Japan helped show several summit participants, including Indonesia, the frequency, speed and severity of extreme weather and geophysical events and the impact of sea-level rise that would be caused by climate change. It made it more difficult to dismiss them as natural disasters that could not be controlled, rather than deal with them as human-created ones that could be mitigated or at least adapted to.

The fourth field of finance also produced a third shock, in the form of an internationally contagious financial crisis starting in New York City as in 1975. In contrast to the most recent Asian-turned-global financial crisis of 1997-99, the sub-prime credit crisis that started in the summer of 2007 started in the most powerful G8 member, America, spread to other G8 countries and then to the rest of the world. This crisis was punctuated by the shock of bank failures (as distinct from the hedge fund collapse of LTCM in America in September 1998) — in America (Bear Stearns), Britain (Northern Rock) and Germany. It came in America with a classic run on the bank, but this time from fellow bankers who refused to lend, asked for the return of their money and forced central bankers to take unprecedented steps to bail them out and serves as an ongoing lender of last resort. However as the summit approached, this financial crisis had only caused or threatened the bankruptcy of only banks, rather than of major cities as in 1975 or entire countries as in 1997-1999. But it did produce a bear market in stocks in all G8 countries but Canada and all O5 ones but Brazil.

In the fifth field of food there was also a shock. It initially hit hardest in developing Africa, Asia and the Americas, as it had so often before. But it now for the first time erupted simultaneously around the world. It led to rampant inflation and political unrest in the G8’s O5 partner of China. It threatened to bring the dreaded stagflation of the 1970s back to the G7 itself, as sharply slowing growth everywhere came with increasing inflation in the U.S., Europe and Britain. But within the G8 it remained primarily a price rather than a supply shock. It was not one awakening 1970’s like memories of wartime food shortages in Germany and Japan.

10 In 1975 the threatened imminent bankruptcy of New York City led it to ask the U.S. government for a bailout. These requests were refused until President Gerald Ford went to the first summit in Rambouillet, France, in November, where his fellow leaders told him that New York’s bankruptcy would spark a global dollar crisis. Ford then adjusted America to the preferences of the G8 partners and gave New York the requested U.S. government financial support. This new vulnerability followed the American-initiated, state-created, -controlled and -targeted old vulnerability and shock in finance of August 15, 1971. The most direct comparison is with the collapse of Britain’s Baring’s Bank in the spring of 1995, a precision of the death of America’s Bear Stearns and Britain’s Northern Rock in the spring of 2008.

11 The classic G8 stock market crash is that of October 1987, coming in the early lead up to the Toronto Summit in June 1988.
While most of these shocks remained somewhat small and unfolded outside the G8, their tight interconnections were well designed to evoke a governance response from a G8 designed to have its leaders deal with all of the world’s problems all at once in a comprehensive, coherent way. The food crisis was fostered by ecological vulnerabilities such as drought in Australia, and the switch from food to clean corn-fed biofuels that soaring energy prices spurred. The ecological shock in Myanmar wiped out an area that produced 65% of the rice in a country that was long the rice bowl of the world but now became an importer and thus a consumer of food security for the first time. It also threatened to bring a health crisis. Two weeks after the strike, the needed relief had not arrived to assist Myanmar’s poor and overwhelmed public healthcare system cope with the typhoid, dysentery, diarrhea, cholera and measles epidemics were breaking out.

The Myanmar cyclone also catalyzed a causal sequence that activated some of the other reliable causes of high G8 performance in the past (Kirton 2004a). It showed the failure of the established multilateral organizations to deal with this ecological shock-activated new vulnerability. For the major relief agencies — the United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) — remained wedded to their old article 2(7) principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of a sovereign state, rather than giving precedence to the newer principles of human security or the responsibility to protect that had been proclaimed by all the leaders of UN member states at their recent world summit in September 2005. The UN agencies were thus unable to get their badly needed personnel and relief supplies into the country over the opposition of its suspicious, recalcitrant, repressive military regime.

The crisis also triggered the equalizing specialized capability of the G8, O5 and other participants invited to the Toyako Summit. The most powerful U.S., France and Britain contemplated unilateral actions, by air dropping relief supplies into Myanmar without the host state’s permission. But with Myanmar’s military likely to use force in response, they chose not to use their already strained military capabilities in this way. Meanwhile, supplies from Myanmar’s often poor Asian neighbours such as tsunami-recovering Indonesia, Thailand, China and Japan arrived more rapidly. Indeed, G8 host Japan, the world’s second strongest power, was a highly geologically and geographically vulnerable country regularly attacked by typhoons and earthquakes. It was thus in the lead in cyclone monitoring, warning and relief capabilities. These nearby Asian capabilities were allowed into an earthquake overwhelmed China, while those of more distant G8 powers were kept out.

The cyclone further evoked the common democratic purpose of G8 members. The refusal of Myanmar’s military junta to allow international relief personnel into the country, coming in the wake of its recent crackdown on its Buddhist monks, defied the values of openness, democracy and human rights that stood at the core of the G8’s mission and its citizen’s convictions. The assault was compounded by the junta’s diversion of relief supplies and dismissal of relief survivors’ demands, in order to support a constitutional referendum that it refused to postpone, a referendum designed to cement and legitimize the military’s rule. In Myanmar crackdown on Buddhist monks, relief refusal and aid
diversion produced three successive shocks in one year to assault the core common principles the G8 held dear.

The cyclone also mobilized global public attention and action for Asia, poverty and disease reduction and, potentially, demands to control climate change and the extreme weather events it bred. Across the globe publics were aroused, supported their government’s relief efforts and gave directly themselves to non-governmental organizations (NGOs), all on a scale comparable to the Asian tsunami (when corrected for the number of countries hit, victims, and citizens from G8 and outside countries who had visited and vacationed there).

The Myanmar cyclone further rendered more appropriate the expanded participation at the summit, still done in a constricted, continuous, controlled way. The summit was held in Asia in nearby Japan, with the Asian O5 members of China and India attending for the fifth time in six years and the fourth time in a row. Japan’s additional invited participants — South Korea, Australia and Indonesia — were all from Asia and had a habit of working together at the summit level in forums such as Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and Association of South East Asian Nations Plus Three (ASEAN+3). The participation of tsunami-recovering Indonesia in particular would help Cyclone Nargis get greater attention and action when the summit came.

This second Asian tsunami shock within a three-year interval connected directly with the summit’s priority agenda of climate, poverty reduction, health and water, and food. It and the Chinese earthquake pushed the G8 to add natural disaster relief to its agenda in an enhanced way, as part of the G8’s climate change discussion and as an item in its own right. This was an issue not in the initial Japanese and G8 plan for 2008 but one that the summit had recently dealt with at Gleneagles in 2005 and St. Petersburg in 2006. Together with the food agenda it showed the fast flexibility of the G8 in responding to shocks, especially those the new vulnerability bred.

**Multilateral Organizational Failure**

The second force, both pulling forth and inhibiting substantial summit success, was the performance of the established multilateral organizations most relevant to the rising vulnerabilities, recent shocks and the priority agenda of the summit itself. The UN system failed to prevent or respond effectively to the shocks that arose in energy, ecology and finance. It did initially appear more responsive than it had in the past in nuclear proliferation, food relief, and democratization in Zimbabwe, but quickly came to disappoint yet again. And in the critical field of climate change, the UN’s alternative of a north-south ministerial level negotiation at Copenhagen at the end of 2009 threatened to erode G8 action in 2008, even if UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon pleaded for G8 help just before the summit’s start.

In the energy field, the multilateral system offered only a very partial International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), World Bank (dealing with energy poverty) and Atlantic-centric, plurilateral International Energy Agency (IEA). Much like the Organisation for
Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), these bodies functioned more as a G7 secretariat or platform (with Russia still excluded) than a global governance forum on their own. Nor did the multilateral system contain any established body to deal with the fast emerging renewable, alternative and efficient energy fields. No new or extended institutions or action of any consequence came even as oil prices double to historic highs within a year.

In the closely related climate field, the fragmented, fragile architecture from the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) showed few signs of growing coherence or capability. The UNFCCC continued to focus on emissions sources, with little coordination with a CBD that had expertise in sinks. The UNFCCC’s Conference of the Parties (COP) in December 2007 at Bali added nothing essential to the Heiligendamm framework on long- or medium-term targets to help define a fast-approaching “beyond Kyoto” regime. Its belated recognition of the role of avoided deforestation did not propel it to a broader inclusion of the sinks that the G7 had agreed were equally important at the summit George H. Bush had hosted in Houston, Texas, in 1990. Nor did its two follow on meetings in 2008 advance the likelihood of agreement in Poland at the end of 2008 or Copenhagen at the end of 2009. They and the energetic, G8-centric new plurilateral institutions — the American-pioneered Major Emitters Meeting (MEM) of 16 countries, the Asia Pacific Partnership (APP 7) of now seven countries (with the recent additional of Canada), the ministerial Gleneagles Dialogue and the Heiligendamm Process energy efficiency group — needed the G8 summit if their work was to culminate in the intended way.

The multilateral system was similarly missing in action in coping with the global growth and financial crisis, where its oldest and most powerful body, the IMF, had long claimed centre stage. Thanks to a deal brokered in the finance G20 in November 2007, the IMF had made its first stage of reforms on “voice and vote.” But despite the controversy over Paul Wolfowitz, the IMF and World Bank appointments of their new executive heads still preserved the ancient backroom brokered deal duopoly for the Europeans and Americans, freezing out the rest of the world. While the IMF was assigned a little of the analytic work required to cope with the new financial crisis, on key issues such as creating a regime to regulate sovereign wealth funds, the U.S. preferred an ad hoc coalition of the willing composed of itself and a few small friends such as Kuwait and Singapore. Most critical aspects of the new financial crisis lay beyond the IMF’s mandate, its diminished resources or its professional competence. Its new managing director’s pleas for a Keynesian stimulus package to spur global growth and its gloomy forecasts for American and global growth were widely ignored and the latter soon proved incorrect.

12 As measured by deforestation, the greatest contributions to greenhouse gases were the U.S., Brazil and Indonesia, rather than the standard emitters of China, the U.S. and Japan. There was thus a strong logic in having the O5 and additional Asian three at the summit to deal with climate change.
Elsewhere across the agenda there were no signs the multilateral system could cope without the G8’s help. This included the World Bank on African development, the FAO, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the WFP on the food crisis, the World Trade Organization (WTO) on the badly overdue Doha Development Agenda, the IAEA on nuclear proliferation in North Korea, Iran and Syria and the UNSC on Myanmar, Sudan, Afghanistan and securing its porous borders with Pakistan.

**Predominant Equalizing Capabilities**

The new vulnerabilities and shocks that overwhelmed the established multilateral organizations also increased the collective predominance and internal equality of the capabilities of the G8 and now O5 powers. Rising oil prices empowered the otherwise weakest G8 members of Russia and Canada, while hurting the overall most powerful of America and Japan. Among the O5 they helped smaller Brazil and Mexico while harming China and India. The finance crisis struck hardest in America, Britain and Germany, while Canada and especially Russia largely escaped. The credit crunch in particular called into question America’s historic advantage, as the global reserve currency provider, of having the most liquid capital markets in the world. It put a premium on countries with large hard currency reserves in sovereign wealth funds and elsewhere, notably China, India, Russia and Japan. The food crisis similarly helped Canada and potentially Russia, if not directly harming a long agriculturally protectionist America, Europe and Japan.

The strong equalization of capability was faithfully reflected in and driven by the currency values governing the international worth of the G8 and O5 countries (Appendix J). During the year leading up to the summit the U.S. dollar plummeted, the Japanese yen and British pound remained stable, while the Euro, the Canadian dollar, and the Russian rouble soared. Even the still heavily controlled Chinese yuan appreciated, breaking historic barriers in the spring.

The equalization of overall capability was also apparent, if less comprehensively, in the gross domestic product (GDP) growth rates among G8 and O5 members. U.S. GDP growth plummeted to an initially reported 0.6% in the first quarter of 2008. Japan, which had been growing at 2% for several years, was due to fall back to 1.5% for 2008. Britain and Europe similarly softened but were still stronger than the United States. Only tightly connected Canada plummeted below America, falling into slight negative growth for the first quarter of 2008. Outside the G7, there was still strong growth in Russia, China, India and a now robustly growing Brazil.

The G8’s global collective predominance thus increasingly depended on its most recent member Russia if not an O5 that was being increasingly integrated into the G8 club (See Appendix J). And within both the G8 and the O5 capabilities were equalizing. A relatively retracting America increasingly recognized it needed the help its G8 and O5 associates could provide. Their capability configurations pushed them away from repeating the polarized rich North–poor South confrontation of old.
Common Democratic Purposes

These powerful pulls from outside were, however, offset by the weakness in those pushes from inside the summit system that had proven effective in propelling performance in the past. The first was the fragile fit between the summit’s priority agenda and the values of open democracy and individual liberty that constituted the G8’s foundational raison d’être, constitutional charter and ultimate shared social purpose (see Appendix K).

The G8’s planned priorities did not directly connect well with these values. Transparency was only a small part of the world economy, financial stability and energy security agenda. Development focused on health, water and education more than on corruption and good governance. And climate change had little direct connection to open democracy in most respects. It was a sharp contrast to the 2004 summit with the Broader Middle East and North Africa (BMENA) initiative at its core.

Fukuda in his Davos speech had set forth several principles to explain how Japan would approach its summit priorities. But the speech was largely devoid of direct references to democracy beyond a few civil society and multi-stakeholder participation ones. Openness appeared only in reference to reforming the Japanese economy. Transparency arose only in a technical reference to measuring the ‘bottom up’ approach to climate control. On development and Africa, infrastructure was highlighted but institutions, good governance, and anti-corruption were notably absent, in sharp contrast the 2002 G8 Africa Action Plan’s emphasis on them.

Such democratic guides did begin to appear as the G8 agenda took shape by May. But much would depend on what built-in and breaking political security issues the G8 leaders chose to focus on. On Kosovo, Tibet and Zimbabwe, the G8 was somewhat divided among itself and especially with its O5 partners. A discussion here was not destined to put a devotion to democracy in as a powerful performance-inducing force. But the G8 was more united on Myanmar and, above all, Afghanistan. Last year at Heiligendamm the G8 leaders’ discussion had led to a rousing dialogue on demonstration of G8 solidarity on the need to fight to defend open democracy, individual liberty and social advance there. That demonstration of democratic cohesion could appear again at Toyako, for the G8 leaders themselves, and perhaps all the world to see.

A prospective outbreak of a common democratic purpose was heightened by the configuration of players at the summit. Russia would be sending a new president, who was thought by some to be more inherently devoted to open democracy and the rule of law than Putin had been. His presence would at least offer an opportunity to set aside the recent chill surrounding Putin for a while. Moreover, the three additional Asian participants that Japan added were all from democratic polities, meaning that there would be more and more diverse leaders to try to socialize a politically lonely Hu Jintao of China onto a more open democratic path.
Political Control, Capital and Continuity

The fifth force of leaders’ political control, capital and continuity at home also largely acted against summit success. The leaders had an unusually low ability to escape and re-shape the constraints of their domestic polities so that they could flexibly come to fast, far-reaching consensus and collective action abroad (see Appendix L).

In host Japan, 71-year-old Fukuda had only recently assumed office, had no popular mandate of his own, and had been facing rumors that he would depart soon after the summit, or conceivably even face an election before. His Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) did not control the upper house of the Diet. Its candidate overwhelmingly lost a by-election in a previously safe seat in April. Fukuda’s approval rating, which had stood at 60% when he assumed office in September 2007, had plunged to 25% by April 2008. It only began to use a bit when Fukuda embarked on his pre-summit G8 summit tour. But the summit designed by his predecessor Shinzo Abe still approached amidst severe political constraints at home.

Elsewhere things were seldom brighter for Fukuda’s G8 colleagues. In the U.S. a lame duck president George Bush, who no longer controlled Congress, saw his popularity plunge from its historic high of 90% in the wake of 9/11 to the lowest ever recorded in the 70-year history of polling in the U.S. New historic lows were also reached when Americans were asked if their country was going in the right direction. Bush’s Republican party lost a previously safe congressional seat in Mississippi in a special election in the spring.

In Germany, Angela Merkel’s approval rating also sagged, as members of her sister party and the Social Democrats in her grand coalition became restive well before the next general election in autumn 2009. The result was a Germany that was reluctant to make an early pledge to a new climate technology fund, to deliver its promised double ODA to Africa or to pledge more to combat infectious disease there. It also refused to remove its veto of any G8-wide endorsement of using nuclear to control climate change. With Germany still using coal but saying no to nuclear energy, it was more difficult for the G8 to persuade the U.S., China and India to do the opposite in the interest of climate change control.

In Britain, Gordon Brown’s approval rating plummeted from his majority highs when he took over to new lows by April, in part because he had backed away from going to the polls to get a popular electoral mandate of his own. In early May his Labour party suffered a devastating loss in local elections, as he faced a general election in 2010. Just before the summit he suffered two by-election loses, with the one immediately before the summit reducing his party to fifth place.

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13 This is an average of ten polls with survey dates beginning April 6, 2008, and ending April 30, 2008. It includes the following polling companies: Gallup, AP/Ipsos, ABC/Washington Post, Newsweek, USA Today/Gallup, Pew, NBC/Wall Street Journal, CBS/New York Times, Fox/Opinion Dynamics and CNN/Opinion Research. President Bush’s approval rating for the same period, using the same dates and polling companies is 29%.
In France a similar popularity plunge deflated Nicolas Sarkozy. In Canada, Stephen Harper’s minority government remained tied with the opposition in the polls, even as a sagging economy threatened to drag the government down. Only in Italy did Silvio Berlusconi come with a very fresh mandate and honeymoon popularity. So did Dmitry Medvedev, assuming the glow bequeathed by his predecessor and mentor, Vladimir Putin, who was still very much at his side.

The continuity of leaders at the summit and the familiarity with colleagues and the experience it bred were also unpromising. Fukuda, as chair, was attending and hosting the summit for the first time. Brown and Medvedev were also brand new. It was the second summit for Sarkozy, the third for Harper and the fourth for José Manuel Barroso, president of the European Commission. Bush was at his eighth and last.

The particular combination of ideology and experience these leaders brought also suggested low performance. The most experienced leader, Bush, with his conservative ideology, came from the most powerful member, but had low political capital and control. Most other weighty members were relatively new, ideologically mixed and domestically weak. Only in the weaker members did high political control, with mixed experience, come.

A more promising projection came from an alternative conception of the impact of political control, capital and continuity. Offered by Nicholas Bayne (2008), it argues that summit success comes when leaders are new, anxious to make their mark and determined to deliver abroad to compensate for their poor popularity at home. Toyako was thus blessed with a new generation of many fresh leaders, with Germany’s Merkel, and Canada’s Harper at only their third, France’s Sarkozy at his second, and Britain’s Brown, Italy’s Berlusconi, Japan’s Fukuda and Russia’s Medvedev at their first (even though Berlusconi hosted two and attended many before). The low polls that many had would, by this logic, drive them to high ambition and achievement abroad, perhaps led even by a veteran Bush in his legacy year.

In Bush’s case, it bears noting that the two previous summits with a two-term lame-duck U.S. president had a solid performance. Ronald Reagan’s last summit at Toronto in 1988 performed poorly overall in the Bayne scores and in a quantitative count of results across the six dimensions of summit governance. But it made substantial advances on climate change and African development (especially debt relief for the poorest and South African apartheid). Bill Clinton’s last summit at Okinawa in 2000, the last one Japan hosted, was very successful; it produced, inter alia, the highest compliance record of all time and made notable advances on African development. For 2008, Fukuda, despite his domestic weakness, was willing and able in the spring of 2008 to use his extraordinary powers against his reluctant upper house to have Japan’s Self-Defence Forces (SDF) continue to support an America, Britain, Canada and France fighting to defend democracy and defeat terrorism in Afghanistan.

Also promising well for summit success was the strong public support across virtually all G8 and some O5 members for the summit’s priority issues, especially the defining one of
climate change. In a long skeptical U.S., in 2007 37% of Americans identified environmental problems as a leading global threat, an increase of 61% from 2002 (Pew Global Attitudes Project 2007). Consistent with this shift, in mid April Bush declared the U.S. would commit to binding emissions targets by having its greenhouse gas emissions (GGEs) peak and decline by 2025. He also signed the first increase in auto efficiency standards since the 1980s and supported alternative fuels. In the year before the summit the environment had become the top issue that concerned Canadians, and remained in a strong third as the economy and gas prices overtook it on the summit eve. In the same 2007 survey 45% to 66% of west Europeans chose environmental issues as a top threat, as did 70% of Chinese and large numbers in India, Brazil and other developing countries.

Among the new leaders attending the summit, Australia’s Kevin Rudd had just won his first election, in a landslide after campaigning to ratify the Kyoto protocol. South Korea’s new president Lee Myung-bak had become prominent by greening Seoul as mayor from 2002 to 2006. On the eve of the summit he announced, as an energy and climate security measure, that government employees would drive an alternative days and that their air conditioning would be turned down.

Within the G8 family, there was, however, public wariness about member countries, especially where Russia and the U.S. were concerned. In regard to a Russia, a GlobeScan poll taken from October 31, 2007, to January 25, 2008, found G7 citizens judging Putin as a net negative influence on democracy and human rights in Russia (56%-26%), on peace and security in the world (47%-38%), on quality of life in Russia (44%-39%), and on Russia’s reliability as an energy partner (41%-37%). But they did feel he had a net positive impact on Russia’s overall relations with other countries (40%-45%) and on citizens Russia’s overall role in the world (44%-30%). The most negative of the 31 countries’ surveyed were the Germans (56%) and the Italians (53%), while the most positive were the Egyptians and (78%) and Chinese (69%). Views of the U.S. were no more flattering.

However, there was strong support for the G8 as an institution, notably in its most powerful member. Bush and virtually all of Congress, backed by a broad bipartisan coalition, prepared to commit $50 billion in new funds from 2008-13 to combat infectious disease, including through the Global Fund that the G8 had created at Bush’s first G8 summit in 2001. Those looking further into the long shadow of the future beyond November 2008 and Bush’s legacy could take hope from the publicly declared G8 proposals of the presidential candidates seeking to succeed him. All had clear G8 institutional reform polices in their campaign platforms. Republican senator John McCain wished to remove the Russians from the G8. Democratic senator Hillary Clinton (2007) promised to use the G8 as a model to create an E8 summit, with an adjusted membership, dedicated to climate change (Clinton 2007). Democratic senator Barack Obama offered a new forum of the world’s largest greenhouse gas emitters, composed of the existing G8 and O5, “to focus exclusively on global energy and environmental issues.”

**Constricted, Controlled, Continuous Participation**

The sixth factor of constricted, controlled, continuous participation constituted a drag on summit success. It was comprehensive, rather than constricted, reasonably controlled with considerable global balance, but brought several new countries whose leaders would not participate throughout (see Appendix M). It was a high risk strategy that combined all the right players for producing much on climate change and African development, but gave the outsiders a de facto veto over high G8 achievements, and both sides little time to do the deals needed to pull it off.

For the fourth straight year the G8 heads would meet the O5 leaders of China, India, Mexico, Brazil and South Africa. Also attending were the leaders of Australia, South Korea and Indonesia from democratic Asia, leaders from seven African democracies, and the heads of the multilateral organizations most relevant to the summit’s agenda this year. It was one of the largest and most diverse gatherings of leaders in G8 history, rivaled only by the Evian summit in 2003.

The summit itself, at the selective, remote Windsor Hotel Toya Resort and Spa, allows maximum time for the leaders to be alone together, cut off from the world. Indeed, for the first time in many years, all G8 leaders would sleep, edit and work under a single roof, maximizing the time for personal contact and spontaneous encounters to arise. With the invited leaders housed half an hour away by helicopter or two hours by car along a sometimes windy, foggy, windy route, the G8 leaders should have maximum opportunity for spontaneous encounters and conversations among themselves. But they could also have to deal with the psychological dynamic from their outreach guests who could feel like second-class participants who are largely left out.

The summit site would showcase a range of Japan’s environmental technologies. The media centre was in the Rusutsu Resort hotel in the village of Rusutsu, a 30-minute drive from the summit site. No plans for civil society consultation or involvement were in the public plan. Both the media and civil society were likely to feel excluded, and underreport the summit’s results.

This large number came from a new combination that included leaders of countries that have never attended a G8 summit before. They would meet in changing combinations, depending on the issue under discussion, over the summits three days, with only the G8 leaders there throughout (See Appendix on Summit schedule). The African would come the first day, the G8 meet alone on the second, and the O5 and additional MEM-8 come for the third and final day.

The O5, Africans and Asians had no tradition of coming to a consensus at the end of a G8 summit, either among themselves or with the G8. But this was the fifth time for the O5 to come to the G8, and among Africans had too. Moreover, there was evidence that the O5 were complying well with the key commitments made at the G8 last year.
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### Appendix A: G8 Summit Performance by Function, 1975–2007

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**Notes:**

N/A=Not Available; TBC=to be calculated; US=United States; C=Canada

*Bayne Grade: the 2005 grade of A- is a confirmed grade.

*Domestic Political Management: % Mem is the percentage of G8 countries that made a policy speech referring to the G8 that year. Ave # refs = the average number of references for those who did mention the G8 that year.

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*Compliance scores from 1990 to 1995 measure compliance with commitments selected by Ella Kokotsis. Compliance scores from 1996 to 2007 measure compliance with G8 Research Group’s selected commitments. *2007 score is Interim score for that year. It is not included in the overall or cycle average.
Appendix B: 2007 Heiligendamm Compliance Scores

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Appendix C: Japan’s Built-In Agenda

Multiyear Commitments Due in 2008 (4)

2004-2: To ensure that polio does not reemerge, we will work to ensure the full integration of necessary measures in national health strategies and structures in the post-eradication period through 2008. (Polio)

2005-10: We welcome Japan’s offer to receive a report at the G8 Summit in 2008. (Gleneagles Dialogue: Climate Change)

2006-43: We urgently call for mobilization of financial support and will continue to work collectively and with bilateral and multilateral donors to close the funding gap for 2007-2008, and will continue to work with others towards securing the resources necessary to finish the program and declare our planet polio-free in the near future. (Polio)

2006-96: We have instructed our relevant ministers to continue the dialogue on climate change, clean energy and sustainable development and report its outcomes to the G8 summit in 2008. (Climate Change).

2008 Remit Mandates (5)

2007-22: The progress on these pilot plans will be reviewed by the G8 in 2008 (Growth and Responsibility in the World Economy; Issue-area: IPP)

2007-30: [To maintain the momentum of that groundbreaking achievement, we] will prepare national reports, with the assistance of the IEA, evaluating G8 member states’ efforts to adhere to those principles, for delivery at the 2008 G8 summit (Growth and Responsibility in the World Economy; Issue-area: Climate change, energy efficiency and energy security)

2007-55: We will report on the progress achieved in the areas mentioned above at the G8 Summit in 2008 (Growth and Responsibility in the World Economy; Issue-area: Adapting to Climate Change)

2007-63: [To this end, we will] report on progress in the policies and measures on energy efficiency outlined below at the G8 summit in 2008 (Growth and Responsibility in the World Economy; Issue-area: Energy Efficiency)

2007-141: The G8 Summit in Japan in 2008 will receive an interim report on the progress made and at the G8 Summit in Italy in 2009 a final report on the outcomes of the Dialogue Process will be presented (Growth and Responsibility in Africa; Issue-area: Heiligendamm Process)
Appendix D: Japan’s Planned Agenda

Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda, World Economic Forum, January 26, 2008

World Economy

A1. Global Economy
Downward turn in global economy
(Avoid pessimism, add urgency, coordinated action, domestic responses)

A2. Financial Markets 21st century style crisis
Sub-prime mortgage problem in the U.S.
(swift response, nip credit crunches from diminished capitalization)
Causes of financial turbulence and medium and long term responses
(Advance G7 finance ministers actions)

A3. Reform Japanese Economy
(Advance Market Liberalization)
(Foreign direct investment)
(Trade)
(Financial and capital market liberalization)

A4. Energy: “Surge of petroleum prices to record levels”

Climate Change: “Climate change is top priority”

B1. Post-Kyoto Framework
Targets and Timetables (IPCC): peak 10-20 yrs, cut 50%+ by 2050
(All major emitters participate)
(Fair and equitable emissions target)
(Bottom-up sector approach to energy efficiency per Japan’s national target)
(Base year reviewed)

B2. International Economic Co-operation
Technology Transfer
Energy Efficiency (global target of +30% by 2020)
Assistance to developing countries (Cool Earth partnership of $10 bn)
Adaptation assistance
(Multilateral Fund: Japan, U.S., UK ask others)

B3. Innovation: Development and Diffusion
Technology development: clean coal, rooftop solar, Green IT
International Framework for collaboration with IEA etc.
(Shift Japan to a low carbon society)
(Cool Earth Promotion Program)
**Development and Africa: Poverty and the MDGs**

C1. Health
Safe motherhood and health of children under five
Human resources in health
(Framework for healthcare system with participation of all)
C2. Water
Effective management of water supply and access
C3. Education
Dakar Education for All goals
(vocational training, secondary and higher education)
C4. Economic Growth
(blueprint for regional wide infrastructure development)
Trade and investment
Agricultural productivity
Peace-building: (African peacekeeping centres to boost Africa’s peacekeeping capacity)

**Security**

D1. Terrorism
D2. Proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

**G8 System**

E1. Fulfilling existing commitments
E2. Participatory approach: government, business, civil society, academia

Note: Japan’s goals, proposals and initiatives are in parentheses.
Appendix E: Japan’s Actual Agenda, July 6, 2008

World Economy

a. Energy Security
b. Growth, Inflation and Finance
c. Investment Protectionism
d. Intellectual Property Rights
e. Corruption, Corporate Social Responsibility, Natural Resource Management
f. Trade

Climate Change and Environment

a. Science (Endorse IPCC, signal urgency)
b. Beyond Kyoto Framework (by 2009, effective, inclusive, binding)
c. Technology
d. Forests, Sinks and Biodiversity
e. Sectoral Approach
f. Targets: Medium term; Long Term
g. Technology Transfer
h. Adaptation (Fund)
i. Linkages (to Africa, Development, Food, Health)
j. Negotiation Forum (UN, Gleneagles Dialogue extension, MEM role)
k. Biodiversity
l. Sustainable Growth, Climate Change, Energy Efficiency
m. Natural Disasters

Development and Africa

a. Food Security
b. Health
c. Water
d. Education
e. Africa’s G8 Partnership
f. Development and the Millennium Development Goals

Political-Security

a. Terrorism
b. Nuclear Non-Proliferation
c. Nuclear Safety
d. Global Partnership against Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction
e. North Korea
f. Afghanistan
g. Iran
h. Zimbabwe
i. The Middle East, Iraq and Lebanon
j. Haiti
k. Kosovo
l. Tibet
m. Myanmar

**Summit Reform**

a. Accountability and Compliance Monitoring
b. Major Economies Meeting
c. Gleneagles Dialogue
d. Heiligendamm Process
e. Civil Society: Junior Eight
## Appendix F: Sherpa and Ministerial Meetings

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- Trade: refers to the trade quadrilateral.
- Total mtgs = number of ministerial meetings held during the summit year.
- Total mins = Number of ministerial forums that met at least once during the summit year.
- The US, EC, and Japan met the margins of the July 1981 G7 summit in Ottawa to discuss a proposal that their trade ministers should regularly hold informal TRILATERAL meetings. After this, the Canadians lobbied to be included in the process. Quad officials also met, often on the margins of other meetings. All information comes from Professor Cohn at Simon Fraser University.
- G20 Finance: The G20 finance ministers meeting was created in 1999. The 2008 meeting is on November 8–9, 2008.

The health ministers also met once in 2006.
B. Sherpa/FASS Meetings

- Sherpas on January 10 in Tokyo
- Sherpas in early April
- FASS May 8-9
- FASS early June
- Sherpas and FASS June 23-25 in Toyako

Ministerial Meetings

- Finance: February 9, Tokyo, April 11, Washington, D. C. and June 13-14, Osaka
- Development: April 5-6, Tokyo
- Labour: May 11-13, Niigata
- Environment: May 24-26, Kobe
- Justice and Home Affairs: June 11-13, Tokyo
- Energy: June 7-8, Amori
- Science and Technology: June 15, Okinawa
- Foreign Affairs: June 26-27, Kyoto
- G20 Environment and Energy Ministers (Gleneagles Dialogue): March 14-16, Chiba
- Tokyo International Conference on African Development IV: May 28-30, Yokohama\textsuperscript{15}

Official Meetings

- G8 Health Experts: February 14-15, April 9-10 and June 11-12
- International Experts Meeting on Illegal Logging (second round), March 3-4, Tokyo

\textsuperscript{15} The Tokyo International Conference on African Development is not an actual G8 institution, but happened to coincide with the summit hosted by Japan in 2008.
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During Summit

Fukuda (Japan) and Merkel (Germany) in Japan on July 7.
Fukuda (Japan) and Brown (Britain) in Japan on July 7.
Fukuda (Japan) and Mbeki (South Africa) in Japan on July 7.
Fukuda (Japan) and Boutefilka (Algeria) in Japan on July 7.
Fukuda (Japan) and Yar’Adua (Nigeria) in Japan on July 7.
Medvedev (Russia) and Bush (US) in Japan on July 7.
Medvedev (Russia) and Merkel (Germany) in Japan on July 7.
Medvedev (Russia) and Sarkozy (France) in Japan on July 7.
Medvedev (Russia) and Brown (Britain) in Japan on July 7.
Rudd (Australia) is planning a separate bilateral visit to Japan (Fukuda) after July 7th.
Fukuda (Japan) and Medvedev (Russia) in Japan on July 8.
Berlusconi (Italy) and Medvedev (Russia) in Japan on July 8.
Bush (US) and Merkel (Germany) in Japan on July 8.
Myung-bak (South Korea) and Singh (India) on July 8.
Myung-bak (South Korea) and Lula (Brazil) on July 8.
Myung-bak (South Korea) and Calderon (Mexico) on July 8.
Hu (China), Lula (Brazil), Singh (India), Calderon (Mexico) and Mbeke (South Africa) on July 8.
Myung-bak (South Korea) and Medvedev (Russia) in Japan on July 9.
Myung-bak (South Korea) and Bush (US) in Japan on July 9.
Myung-bak (South Korea) and Rudd (Australia) in Japan on July 9.
Myung-bak (South Korea) and Yudhoyono (Indonesia) in Japan on July 9.
Bush (US) and Singh (India) in Japan on July 9.
Medvedev (Russia), Bush (US) and Myung-bak (South Korea) in Japan on July 9.
Calderon (Mexico) and Fukuda (Japan) on July 9.
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Medvedev (Russia) and da Silva (Brazil) in Japan on July 9.
Medvedev (Russia) and Singh (India) in Japan on July 9.
Medvedev (Russia) and Myung-bak (South Korea) on July 9.
Harper (Canada) and Singh (India) in Japan on July 9.
Harper (Canada) and Hu (China) in Japan on July 9.
Harper (Canada) and da Silva (Brazil) on July 9.
Singh (India) to meet with Hu (China), Medvedev (Russia), Bush (US), Calderon (Mexico), Myung-bak (South Korea), Yudhoyono (Indonesia), Fukuda (Japan) and Rudd (Australia) on the sidelines of the G8 summit.
Australia (Rudd) will visit Indonesia (Yudhoyono) (around the summit, perhaps during).

After Summit

Harper (Canada) to Fukdua (Japan) on July 10.
Lula da Silva (Brazil) to Yodhoyono (Indonesia) after the summit (before July 12).
Putin (Russia) with Bush (US) in Beijing in August on the sidelines of the Olympics.
There is a scheduled trilateral meeting in the fall between Japan, South Korea and China.
Medvedev (Russia) will meet with Sarkozy (France) at the Russia-EU summit in France in November.
Mbeki (South Africa) and Hu (China) later this year.
## Appendix H: 2008 G8 Summit Grades

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Graded by John Kirton according to the Putnam-Bayne framework, with added emphasis on declared presidency priorities and the core democratic mission of the G8.
# Appendix I: Domestic Political Management – Communiqué Compliments

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Under rule of law = arbitration, human security, protection of human rights  
Corruption = anti-tax evasion  
Governance = government, private sector, water, forests  
Access = civil society participation, gender equality  
Legality = human health,  
Participation = multistakeholders, public, private, civil society  
Fairness =  
Ethics = Corporate Social Responsibility  
Reporting = accountability, monitoring  
Rights = Property, human, inalienable  
Legality = legitimacy, curbing illegal activity  
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Appendix L: Decision Making — Commitments

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Total 280

Excludes Chair’s Summary.
The communiqué released by the G5 contained 51 commitments
Appendix M: Decision Making — Money Mobilized

Compiled by Kathryn Kotris, July 9, 2008

Development and Africa

40. We are firmly committed to working to fulfill our commitments on ODA made at Gleneagles, and reaffirmed at Heiligendamm, including increasing, compared to 2004, with other donors, ODA to Africa by US $25 billion a year by 2010.

46. We reiterate our commitment to continue efforts, to work towards the goals of providing at least a projected US $60 billion over 5 years, to fight infectious diseases and strengthen health.

49. We remain committed to Education for All (EFA) and the international agencies which implement it and support the efforts of the Fast Track Initiative (FTI) for universal primary education. We, along with other donors, will continue efforts to mobilize bilateral and multilateral resources to meet the shortfalls of FTI — endorsed countries estimated by the FTI Secretariat at around US $1 billion for 2008, while supporting the improvement of its effectiveness through an external evaluation.

51. (g) facilitation of free and open trade through the multilateral trade system with due consideration of the African situation, effective implementation of the financial commitments regarding spending on Aid for Trade including trade related technical assistance, made at the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial Conference, which we expect to increase to US $4 billion including the support for marketing of African products.

Global Food Security

2. We are determined to take all possible measures in a coordinated manner, and since January 2008 have committed, for short, medium and long-term purposes, over US $10 billion to support food aid, nutrition interventions, social protection activities and measures to increase agricultural output in affected countries.

Environment and Climate Change

31. We are committed to increasing investment in both basic and applied environmental and clean energy technology research and development (R & D), and the promotion of commercialization including through direct government funding and fiscal measures to encourage private sector investment. In this respect, G8 members have so far pledged over the next several years over US $10 billion annually in direct government-funded R & D.

32. While the main sources of finance will be the private sector, public resources are essential to help the poorest and to leverage private resources, notably by financing incremental costs and can be very effective in inducing emissions reduction when
national policies provide incentives for low carbon investment. In this regard, we welcome and support the establishment of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) including the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) and the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF), administered by the World Bank. G8 members have thus far pledged approximately US $6 billion as an ODA contribution to the funds and welcome commitments from other donors.

**Summary**

**ODA:**
- US $25 billion a year deployed to Africa by 2010
- US $60 billion to fight infectious diseases
- US $1 billion Fast Track Initiative (FTI)
- US $4 billion Aid for Trade

**TOTAL ODA:** US $90 billion

**Food Security:** US $10 billion mobilized since January 2008

**Climate Change:** US $10 billion for R & D
- US $6 billion CTF and SCF

**Total Climate Change:** US $16 billion

**TOTAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS: US $116 billion**
US $60 billion to fight infectious diseases
Appendix N: Delivery — Compliance Commitments

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Multi-Year Commitment Movement

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Appendix O: Development of Global Governance

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**G8 Institutionalization**

**Leaders Level Institutionalization**
MEM leader meeting in 2008 endorsed
MEM to meet again at G8 2009 lengthened to full day, put in middle of summit
HP/O5 Outreach 2009

**Ministerial Meetings Called (1)**
Agriculture

**Ministerial Institutions Directed**
Finance Ministers Action Plan on Climate Change
Gleneagles Dialogue

**Official Bodies Created (4)**
G8 Experts Group to monitor implementation on food security
Climate Investment Funds (CIF; CTF; SCF)
Energy forum
Global Remittances Working Group

**Official Body Tasked**
Financial Action Task Force
Global Bioenergy Partnership
GEOSS Accelerated
G8 Forest Expert Report on Illegal Logging
G8 Experts on International Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime

**Civil Society**
G8 Business Summit

**Other**
International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC)
Nuclear Energy Infrastructure Initiative (endorse)
International Initiative Roadmaps for Innovative Technology
Clean Energy Investment Framework (CEIF) [agreed at Gleneagles]
International Forest Monitoring Network
London Energy Meeting (follow-up on Jeddah)
Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (new international legal framework)
G8 Technical Assistance Pilot Plans and Joint Outreach Programs Launched

Note: Results of all leaders documents including MEM (Major Economies Meeting).
Appendix P: Vulnerabilities and Shocks

Shocks Activating Vulnerabilities

Security: None (but Afghanistan spike)

a. War: 0 new invasions, Afghanistan/Iraq (deaths= 914; 2007 = 1,394)
b. Terrorism: 1 new attack on G8 countries (Chechnya, June 6 dead)
c. Proliferation: 0 explosions (Iran, North Korea, Syria)
d. Civil Strife: 0 deaths in G8 countries from food and fuel riots


b. Price: +100% to over $145.00 July 3=historic highs
c. Transit: 0 blackouts, pipeline closures in G8

Ecology: Small Scale Chronic Shocks in US & Japan

a. Nuclear: 1 Japan (0 deaths)
b. Oil/Gas: 0 tanker accidents, pipeline spills
c. Water: 3 Myanmar’s May 3 (78,000), Philippines June, U.S. June, China June
d. Heat (Air): 0
e. Land: 1 G8 Japan June (12), 1 China’s Sichuan May 12 (80,000)
f. Wildlife: 0

Finance: Defaults only at Company Level

a. Country: 0 (Iceland, Argentina)
b. City: 1 California
c. Company: 3 UK’s Northern Rock, U.S.’s Bear Sterns, Germany
d. Stock Market: 7 down, one up (Canada)

Health: None (cf SARS 2003)

a. Infectious: 0 infecting G8 countries (West Nile in U.S.)
c. Chronic: 0 spikes in G8 countries

Food: Price Shock Only as in 1970s

a. Supply: 0 famines in G8, several in countries outside
b. Price: Food inflation, wheat, rice etc. hit historic highs
c. Safety: U.S. tomatoes, Japan eels
**P1-G8 Combat Deaths**

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Tables report the combined casualties of the G8 and EU countries in Afghanistan and Iraq, which are the only combat theatres involving the G8.
Source: www.icasualties.org

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Notes:
Prices are adjusted for Inflation to December 2007 prices using the CPI-U. Although the monthly peak occurred in December 1979 the annual peak did not occur until 1980 since the average of all the monthly prices was higher in 1980. Inflation adjusted prices reached all-time low in 1998 (lower than the price in 1946). Prices are based on historical free market (stripper) prices of Illinois Crude as presented by IOGA. Price controlled prices would be lower during the 1970s but resulted in gas lines and shortages. 2008* refers to the closing price of oil on July 4, 2008.
P-4 Energy Shocks, 2007–08: Oil Prices from Heiligendamm to Hokkaido

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Notes: 2008 monthly prices come from NYMEX. On May 21, 2008, world oil prices reached a new nominal and real closing high of US$ 133.17. On July 3, they reach a new intraday ($145.85) and closing day high ($145.29).
Appendix Q: Multilateral Organizational Performance

**Climate Change**

- Bali: Avoided deforestation
- Germany (Bonn?): Failure

**Energy**

- Saudi Arabia: oil, June 2008

**Food Security**

Rome: Food summit, June

**Regional Security**

UNSC Resolutions on G8 issues:
- Zimbabwe Resolution, June 24, 2008

**World Economy**
Appendix R: Capability

**R-1 Relative Capability of G8 Members, 1975–2007**

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Real Historical Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for Baseline Countries (in billions of 2000 U.S. dollars)

Notes: The data includes the countries of the European Union represented for the year in question.

Source: World Bank World Development Indicators, adjusted to 2000 base and estimated and projected values developed by the Economic Research Service.
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**Notes:**

In January 2002, Canada needed CA$1.61 to buy US$1.

On October 1, 2007, the Canadian dollar reached 1.009 intraday, the highest level since November 22, 1976.
## Appendix S: Common Purpose

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Notes:
All numbers come from Freedom House and further information about countries and the methodology can be found at <www.freedomhouse.org>
PR=Political Rights; CL=Civil Liberties; Statuses: F=Free; PF=Partly Free; NF=Not Free
*Represents number of free countries over the total number of countries measured.
Reference to Democratic Principles in Host's Davos Speech
## Appendix T: Political Control, Capital, Capacity

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IC = Institutional Control
SC = Sub-federal Unit Control (States/Provinces)
LA = Leaders approval
PA = Governing Party Approval
PP = G8 Partner Country Popularity in G8 Countries
IP = G8 Priority Issues Popularity
GP = G8 Institution’s Popularity in Member Countries
SE = Summit experience
ME = Ministerial experience
PE = Professional experience
IE = International experience
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**OUN** = Number of Outreach Participants in Summit  
**DIV** = Diversity of Outreach Country Participants  
**CIN** = Number of Civil Society Persons Around Summit Site
Appendix V: Membership and Participation

V-1 G8 Membership in G8 Summit

1975 United States, Britain, France, Germany
1975 Japan, Italy
1976 Canada
1977 European Community 9
1981 European Community 10
1982 Belgium*
1986 European Community 12, Netherlands*
1995 European Union 15
2002 Spain*
2003 Greece*
2004 European Union 25, Ireland*
2006 Finland*
2007 European Union 27

Total Countries = 32 Members: 9 + 6 European Union outside presidencies + European Union 27

V-2 European Representation Outside of the G8 Euro-Members: Britain, France, Germany and Italy

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- 0 = no competence, 5 = full compliance.

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2=complementary competence (Action by EU limited to supporting, encouraging, and coordinating action taken by Members.Union-level action cannot supersede competence of Member )
3=shared competence (provisions by Union may limit action of Member States, and the Members cannot implement measures that are not in accordance with the Union's provisions)
4=full competence
   a. Since 1957, common ext tariff since 1968.
   b. Since 1968.
   e. Since 1975: ESA.
   f. Since 1951.
   g. EMS.
   h. SEA.
   i. Start development.
   j. Maastricht Treaty.
   k. Implementation of the euro.
   l. Introduction of the euro.
### V-5 Participation of Multilateral Organizations in G8 Summits

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### V-6 Participating Countries in G8 Summit

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a. Representing the G77.
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c. Representing the Commonwealth of Independent States
d. Does not include outside presidencies of the European Union.
V-7 Outreach Participants: 2000-2008

Okinawa 2000 (4): (Average Experience = 1st) (Experience / Number = 0.25)
Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa (1)
Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1)
Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal (1)
Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria (1)

Genoa 2001 (4): (Average Experience = 2nd) (Experience / Number = 0.50)
Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa (2)
Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (2)
Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal (2)
Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria (2)

Kananaskis 2002 (4): (Average Experience = 3rd) (Experience / Number = 0.75)
Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa (3)
Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (3)
Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal (3)
Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria (3)

Evian 2003 (13): (Average Experience = 1.8rst) (Experience / Number = 0.14)
Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt (1)
Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria (4)
Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (4)
Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa (4)
H.M. King Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, Chair of the Group of 77 (1)
Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal (4)
Vicente Fox Quesada, President of the United Mexican States (1)
Pascal Couchepin, President of the Swiss Confederation (1)
Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil (1)
Hu Jintao, President of the People’s Republic of China (1)
Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz Al Saud, Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia (1)
Dr Mahathir Bin Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia (1)
Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of the Republic of India (1)

Sea Island 2004 (12): (Average Experience = 2.3nd) (Experience / Number = 0.19)
Hamid Karzai, President of Afghanistan (1)
Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of Algeria (5)
Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain (1)
Ghazi Mashal Ajil al-Yawer, President of Iraq (1)
Abdallah II, King of Jordan (1)
Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of Turkey (1)
Ali Abdallah Salih, President of Yemen (1)
John Agyekum Kufuor, President of Ghana (1)
Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria (5)
Abdoulaye Wade, President of Senegal (5)
Thabo Mvuelwa Mbeki, President of South Africa (5)
Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of Uganda (1)

Gleneagles 2005 (11): (Average Experience = 3.2rd) (Experience / Number = 0.29)
Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria (6)
Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil (2)
Hu Jintau, President of the People’s Republic of China (2)
Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (1)
John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana (2)
Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India (1)
Vicente Fox Quesadalu, President of the United Mexican States (2)
Olusegun Obasanjo GCB, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (6)
Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal (6)
Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki GCB GCMB, President of the Republic of South Africa (6)
Benjamin William Mkpapa, President of the United Republic of Tanzania (1)

St. Petersburg 2006 (5): (Average Experience = 3.6rd) (Experience / Number = 0.72)
Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil (3)
Hu Jintau, President of the People’s Republic of China (3)
Vicente Fox Quesadal, President of the United Mexican States (3)
Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki GCB GCMB, President of the Republic of South Africa (7)
Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India (2)

Heiligendamm 2007 (10): (Average Experience = 4th) (Experience / Number = 0.40)
Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Brazil (4)
Felipe Calderon Hinojosa, Mexico (1)
Hu Jintau, China (4)
Thabo Mbeki, South Africa (8)
Manmohan Singh, India (3)
Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, Egypt (2)
Abdelaziz Bouteflika, Algeria (7)
Umaru Yar’Adua, Nigeria (1)
Abdoulaye Wade, Senegal (7)
John A. Kufuor, Ghana (3)

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Notes:
In 2000, the invited participants met with G8 leaders just prior to the summit in Tokyo, rather than at the summit site in Okinawa itself.
In 1993, the Japanese invited the leader of Indonesia to Tokyo for a pre-summit meeting, where he met with the Japanese chair and US President Clinton, who flew in early for the event.
In 1989, the French President invited to a pre-summit meeting with him the leaders of the following countries: Algeria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cyprus, Gabon, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe
The number in brackets after each leader indicates the number of summits he or she attended, including the current one.
**V-9 Civil Society Involvement in G8 Summit**

1984  The Other Economic Summit conference near summit site
1998  Jubilee 2000 ad hoc coalition meets Tony Blair as host during summit
2002  Forum International de Montréal starts global civil society-G8 sherpa meetings
2002  Legislative Lower House Speakers annual meeting starts
2005  Commission for Africa with multi-stakeholder membership
2005  Make Poverty History Campaign, Live 8 Concert engage 1 billion citizens
2005  Junior 8 (J8) secondary school students meet leaders during summit
2005  Religious Leaders Summit starts
2006  Civil 8 formed to advise Russian presidency
2006  Media news agencies form Moscow Club to meet with G8 minister annually
2007  G8 University Summit

Includes collective action by G8 bodies aimed at the G8 itself at the time and place of, or as part of the lead up to, of the summit itself. Excludes activity within member countries or lead up lobbying of host and member governments by international bodies representing business, labour, agriculture, etc.