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**World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development**

The Indian Parliamentary Delegation, led by Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, dissociated itself from the adoption of the Bali Declaration, at the 'World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development' held in Bali on 06-07 September 2017, which was acknowledged by Indonesia, the host country. This was in view of the fact that the declaration, which was to be adopted at the conclusion of the Forum, was not in line with the agreed global principles of 'sustainable development'.

Notwithstanding India's continued support towards achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), India said that the Forum was to discuss global issues and the overarching principles relating to the SDGs. Never before 'country specific' issues have been included in the declaration as these dilute the objective of these Forums which require unity and focussed efforts of all the countries.

The country specific amendment to the draft declaration was proposed at the eleventh hour by selective countries which referred to the violence in Rakhine State of Myanmar. India argued that specifying a particular country is unjustified as this Forum is focussed on SDGs and inclusive development for all countries based on cooperative and collaborative approach to achieve the 2030 Agenda for the world.

India reiterated its stance that the purpose of convening the Parliamentary Forum is to arrive at mutual consensus for implementation of SDGs which requires inclusive and broad-based development processes. Therefore, the proposed reference to the violence in Rakhine State in the Declaration was considered as not consensus-based and inappropriate.

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