SSC and One World Global citizenship
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People
Should be in the centre of any debate on south–south cooperation.
Democratic deficit at the UN

• The veto at the UNSC is undemocratic
• It is the international civil servants who represent the Government at the UN and not the elected representatives.
• What the European Parliament has achieved could be replicated to other regions of the world.
• In Asia, SAARC and ASEAN are good forums for south-south cooperation. Similarly within AU and South Americas.
UNPA

• Similar to regional parliament like the EP, we need a Parliament at the UN.
• The dream enshrined in the preamble of the UN, “We the people...”, would then become a reality. People would then become citizens of the world.
• The idea of UNPA – United Nations parliamentary Assembly was already endorsed by some Governments in the World. In India, 191 including former and current MPs have ratified.
• On 9th March 2016, The German Parliament adopted the motion of coalition partners(CDU/CSU & SPD) urging the Government to examine UNPA.
• Federica, FM of EU on 24th Feb confirms her support of a UNPA
• Globally 743 MPs including 108 current representing a population of 119million have ratified UNPA Campaign.
UNPA

• Since the Campaign’s launch, the creation of a UN Parliamentary Assembly was supported by the Canadian House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee (2007), the Pan-African Parliament (2007), the Latin-American Parliament (2008), the Senate of Argentina (2008), the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina (2009), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2009), the National Assembly of the Seychelles (2009), the European Parliament (2011), the Parliament of Mercosur (2011), and the East African Legislative Assembly (2013).
UNPA

• UNPA could effectively address issues surrounding global financial regulatory institutions, climate change, arms race.
• It’s like building blocks of one above the other – building Democratic institutions from local, Provincial to Nation-state and region, then at the global level (federalism provides a framework)
• More than 70% of arms are exported by members of the security council.
• The world is unable to stop the conflict in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan; counter the ISIS
South- South cooperation and regional unification process

• Regional unification process through SSC would then promote Parliament at the UN.
• The militarization in south asia must be stopped. People dream for regional harmony, peace and security.
• India took lead in NAM and Group of 77.
• One world foreign policy of Nehru/Gandhi (1930-1966) was overwhelmed by nationalist and cold war politics
• India and other south-south politics should reconsider re-embracing the one world strategy
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• SSC alliance need to embrace democracy, human rights, justice and law.
• South-south political forum should consider re-drafting the 5 UN Regional bodies adopted in 1946.
• We should return to the non violent political vision espoused by Nehru, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Mandela, Einstein, Madam Vijayalakshmi Pandit and Eleanor Roosevelt
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• CIVIL SOCIETY is being ‘siloed’ by the nationalist, Government, private sector and institutional donor forces. South-south NGO alliance should oppose this siloing – it is a divide and conquer strategy.
• Efforts towards a regional parliament in Asia and at the UN could generate massive funding to address peoples’ issues of extreme poverty and right to education; restoring rights of children, women, dalits and vulnerable communities.
• The cost benefits of limited global governance mechanisms are enormous.
• We have just one world. Let us preserve it