

## TEST : 2

### CURRENT AFFAIRS

QUESTION : 3 :

Cop 29 Summit ended ... commitments

Ans:

#### INTRODUCTION:

The United Nations climate change conference or the 29th conference of parties took place from 11th to 24th November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The main aim of the conference was to address the financial issue that is faced by the developing countries. Although the Cop 29 summit was criticised by many of the developing countries, it did lay some ground-works for the future.

UN backed body

COP 29

Budget of \$300 billion

Fossil fuel mitigation.

Article 6.4 of Paris agreement

## COMMITMENTS:

The cop 29 had its ups and down but there were some very strong commitments explained below:

### 2. PROVIDING BUDGET:

The cop 29 summit addressed the budget issue by increasing it from \$100 dollars to \$300 billion. This budget will be provided by the developed countries to the developing one. Additional to this other financial bodies like the world bank and the Asian development bank also promised to donate an additional \$72 billion annually.

### 2. ARTICLE 6.4 (RATIFYING THE PARIS AGREEMENT):

The article 6.4 of the Paris agreement was ratified. This article was related to the carbon emission, its trading. Binding of this agreement will allow more finance towards the problem of carbon emission. as countries will buy and sell

carbon emission levels.

### 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN BACKED BODY:

In order to keep a check on the fulfillment of article 6.4, a UN backed body was formed. The job of this body will be to keep checking what countries are emitting excessive carbon (more than their allowed limit). These countries will be sanctioned in case if the carbon emitting goes above the level that is allowed.

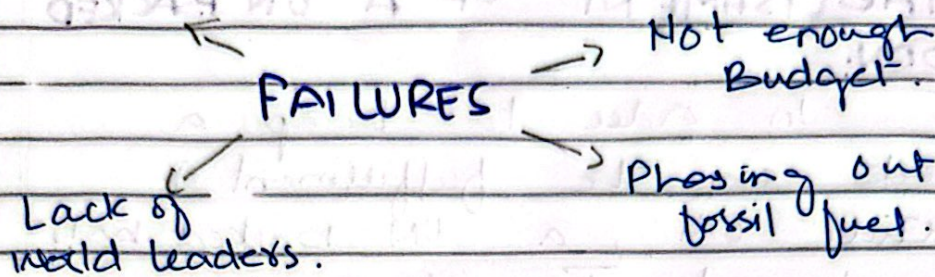
### 4. FOSSIL-FUEL MITIGATION:

The COP 29 summit also shed light on the fact that the use of fossil fuel must be reduced in order to save the planet. Fossil fuel are one of the main reasons behind climate change and its use must be reduced.

### FAILURES:

Following are the failures of the COP 29 summit, as it was criticized by many

of the developing countries world wide.



## 2. THE BUDGET NOT BEING ENOUGH:

Although the budget was increased as compared to the previous COP meeting but it was still very low. Before the meeting some economist expected and calculated the budget to be around 1 trillion dollars. The budget was also criticised by developing countries to be \$500 billion short. Another failure was that this budget was to be given annually but by 2035.

## 3. PHASING OUT FOSSIL FUEL:

Although the summit did talk about the mitigation of fossil fuel but faced criticism, as fossil fuel is one of the main reasons

behind climate change and should be phased out.

### 3. LACK OF WORLD LEADERS:

The Cop29 summit also faced criticism on the fact that a lot of world leaders from countries that are counted in overwhelming emitters of carbon were missing.

### 4. IMPLEMENTATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

The last failure is that no proper body was formed to check whether these budgetary promises are fulfilled or not as these budgetary promises are not transparent in nature.

### CONCLUSION:

The cop29<sup>th</sup> summit had its pros and cons from ratifying the article 6.4 to lack of world leaders, but it is very important to acknowledge that it did lay the foundation, that the budget should be increased in cop30, and that more focus should be on the small developing countries.

## QUESTION : 2:

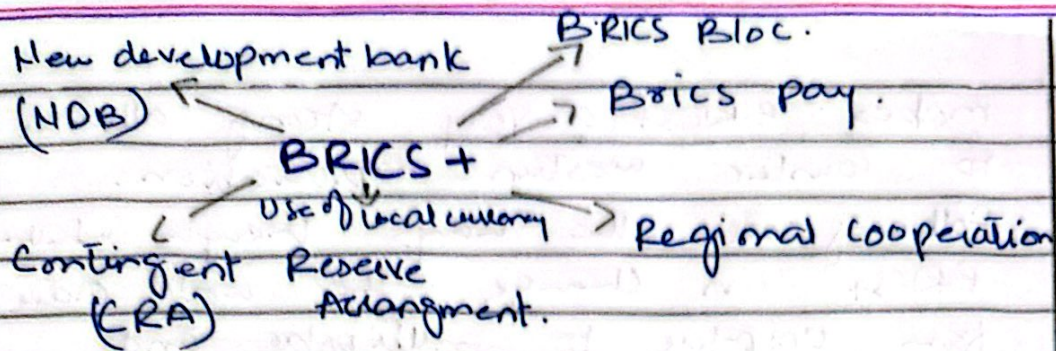
Dollar and . . . . . bases.

### INTRODUCTION.

Swift (Society for world-wide interbank telecommunication) is a telecommunication platform that is used globally by more than 200 countries and 11000 financial institutions for global transaction but it is western dominated and is used by the US to put sanctions on countries. Dollar is used by all the countries globally for foreign trade but this western world order is changing from unipolarity to multipolarity.

### DOLLAR AND SWIFT BEING USED BY US AS WEAPONS:

The United States is a global hegemon and wants the world according to its ways. In recent times Iran, Russia and Venezuela were sanctioned from using swift and dollar. This raised the need for an alternate way doing global trade without being sanctioned.



## GENESIS OF BRICS:

The term bric was used by an economist Jim O'neal in 2001 which became a reality in 2009 when the first summit of BRIC took place. BRICS stands for Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, SA was added in 2010. Because of the success more and more countries want to join the BRICS, and some already have making it BRICS+.

## PURPOSE OF BRICS+:

The main purpose of BRICS+ was to increase the economic, political and strategic ties between its members.

## BRICS+ COUNTERING WESTERN EXPLOITATION:

The countries involved in BRICS+ make up about 40% of the world GDP and 60% of the world's population. This

makes BRICS+ a very strong alliance to counter western exploitation.

Following are the ways through which BRICS+ can change the world order from unipolar to multipolar and reduce the power of US.

## 2. BRICS PAY:

BRICS+ pay is a new method of payment announced on the 16<sup>th</sup> summit of BRICS+. Although not fully functional but still is a very good initiative taken to stop the use of dollar and start the use of local currencies instead.

## 2. BRICS BLOC:

BRICS Bloc is a currency not launched yet but anytime in the near future. This currency will be used among the member nations to trade and perform economic activities instead of dollar.

## 3. NEW DEVELOPMENT BANK (NDB):

NDB is currently operational and is parallel to the world bank, providing funds and loans to the members.



countries for developments and infrastructure constructions.

#### 4. CONTINGENT RESERVE ARRANGEMENT (CRA)

CRA is also currently operational and is parallel to the IMF. CRA provides bail out packages to member countries that are faced with trade deficit & budget crises.

#### 5. USE OF ALTERNATE CURRENCIES:

Russia, India and China have stopped trading in dollar. They use local currencies instead such as Yuan or Ruble. In recent times the world have witnessed many trades among BRICS+ members in their local currencies.

#### BAIL OUT PACKAGE FOR PAKISTAN:

Pakistan has also shown interest to join the BRICS+ recently and have submitted its application. If Pakistan successfully joins the BRICS+, this could become a bailout package because Pakistan is one of those countries that are mostly dependent on IMF and

world banks for loans as they face budgetary issues. In return of these loans US exploits Pakistan, recently witnessed Pakistan couldn't complete its gas pipeline project with Iran, because US forced Pakistan out of the agreement. If Pakistan joins BRICS, then the influence of United States on Pakistan will reduce drastically.

### CONCLUSION:

Western exploitation has been witnessed globally but because of the new changing world order (because of BRICS+). Asia is also becoming a powerful continent. The world will face a transition from unipolar to multipolar because of the growing influence of BRICS+, in terms of economical, political, strategical and cultural cooperation among the member states. More than 40 countries are waiting in que to join BRICS+ and Pakistan too.