

G20 Leaders' Conclusions on the Balkans, 2008-2010

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Summary of Conclusions on the Balkans in G20 Leaders' Documents

Year	# of Words	% of Total Words	# of Paragraphs	% of Total Paragraphs	# of Documents	% of Total Documents	# of Dedicated Documents
2008 Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009 London*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009 Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010 Toronto*	57	0.5	1	0.7	1	50	0
2010 Seoul	115	0.7	2	0.9	2	40	0
Average	34.4	0.24	0.6	0.3	0.6	18	0

Notes:

Data are drawn from all official English-language documents released by the G20 leaders as a group. Charts are excluded.

"# of Words" is the number of Balkan-related subjects for the year specified, excluding document titles and references. Words are calculated by paragraph because the paragraph is the unit of analysis.

"% of Total Words" refers to the total number of words in all documents for the year specified.

"# of Paragraphs" is the number of paragraphs containing references to the Balkans for the year specified. Each point is recorded as a separate paragraph.

"% of Total Paragraphs" refers to the total number of paragraphs in all documents for the year specified.

"# of Documents" is the number of documents that contain Balkans subjects and excludes dedicated documents.

"% of Total Documents" refers to the total number of documents for the year specified.

"# of Dedicated Documents" is the number of documents for the year that contain a Balkans-related subject in the title.

* Meeting in addition to scheduled annual meeting.

Introduction

This report catalogues all that is concluded, "conclusions," in official G8 documents related to the issue area of the Balkans. It refers to all official statements and annexes released by the leaders as a group at each annual G20 summits from 2008 to 2010.

The Balkans were under Soviet rule until after the Cold War (late 1980s-early 1990s) when Westernization spread with political, social, economic and market reforms. The G8 has been concerned with Balkan safety and security in light of past and on-going regional ethnic and religious tensions, democratic reform efforts, and an ever-increasing demand for freedom and the rule of law. The G20 has not yet made any direct references to the Balkans save to thank Turkey for hosting the Fourth UN LDC Summit in 2011.

Definition of Issue Area

The Balkans is a region of southeastern Europe. It includes the countries of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, Romania and Turkey.

Search Terms

The following keywords were used for this report.

Inclusions

Albania, Balkans, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, East-West relations, Eastern Europe, Greece, Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Southeastern Europe, Turkey.

Coding Rules

The unit of analysis is the paragraph/sentence.

A direct reference to the Balkans or a cognate term is required.

Cognate or extended terms can be used without a direct reference to the “Balkans” if they have previously been directly associated together in summit document history.

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2008: Washington DC, November 14-15

No references.

2009: London, April 1-2

No references.

2009: Pittsburgh, September 24-25

No references.

2010: Toronto, September 26-27

The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration

Other Issues and Forward Agenda

45. In this regard it is important to work with Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to make them active participants in and beneficiaries of the global economic system. Accordingly we thank **Turkey** for its decision to host the 4th United Nations Conference on the LDCs in June 2011.

2010: Seoul, November 11-12

The G20 Seoul Summit Leaders' Declaration

15. We welcome the Fourth UN LDC Summit in **Turkey** and the Fourth High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Korea, both to be held in 2011.

The Seoul Summit Document

53. We reaffirm our commitment to achievement of the MDGs and will align our work in accordance with globally agreed development principles for sustainable economic, social and environmental development, to complement the outcomes of the UN High-Level Plenary Meeting on the MDGs held in September 2010 in New York, as well as with processes such as the Fourth UN LDC Summit in **Turkey** and the Fourth High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Korea, both to be held in 2011...