

We Work in the Spirit Of ‘Said and Done’

Chinese President Xi Jinping made the following remarks July 16 in appearances around the BRICS Summit in Brazil. The first comment comes from his statement after his bilateral meeting with Russian President Putin; the second from his address to the Brazilian Congress.

Chinese President Xi Jinping remarked that in the two months since he and Russian President Putin reached “a whole set of historical agreements,” when they met at another summit in Shanghai, there have been intensive contacts between local and central government officials of both countries, making progress on “nearly all collaboration projects. . . . I tell everyone that in our collaboration with Russia, it is important to work in the spirit of ‘said and done.’ Your side has given an even more positive signal: At a major meeting of ambassadors, you called for the all-around enhancement of Russian-Chinese relations. I hope the two sides will full carry out our agreements—striking while the iron is hot, so to speak.”

In his address to the Brazilian National Congress, President Xi laid out a perspective for Ibero-Americans to free themselves from the straitjacket of the London-dominated financial system. Xi praised the 40-year relationship that China has had with Brazil, and lauded the countries of Latin America for their determination to follow their own paths in developing their economies.

Xi said that development in the world is generally pointing in the right direction, toward greater technological development, greater cooperation, cultural diversity, the creation of a multipolar world, and the general desire in the world for peace. “At the same time,” Xi warned, “the world is full of instability. The international financial crisis has a profound global influence. The uncertain, unstable elements in the world economy are increasing. The imbalance in global development is escalating. Hegemonism, power politics, and a new interventionism are increasing. Regional turbulence



Chinese President Xi Jinping and Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, at the BRICS Summit in Fortaleza.

occurs frequently. Global issues such as food security, energy resources security, and cyber-security cannot be ignored.

“Pushing for multipolarization, democracy in international relations, realizing sustainable development of the world economy, and maintaining diversification of the world’s cultures have become important global issues. Fairness and justice are the uppermost goals for all people in the world in the pursuit of international relations. However, fairness and justice are far from being realized in international relations nowadays. . . .

“Human beings have only one Earth. All countries share one world. History tells us the law of the jungle isn’t the way of human coexistence. Military aggression can’t bring us a wonderful world. Every nation should obey the principle of equality, mutual trust, learning from each other, cooperating and seeking joint benefits. They should jointly safeguard and protect international fairness and justice and push for the construction of a harmonious world, sustained peace, and joint prosperity.”

At this point his speech was met with resounding applause from the Congress.

He went on to stress the importance of the two countries—China, the largest developing country, and Brazil, the largest Ibero-American country—working together to achieve a better future for both nations, and to advance peace and progress.