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Regional Powers: India and Brazil.

The economic and political differentiation between Third World countries has increased since the early 1970s. Among the countries playing a more prominent role India and Brazil are especially noteworthy. Both have due to strong state direction of the domestic economy achieved a strengthened position that has enabled them to establish new and stronger economic ties with a wider range of developing countries. Similarly, they have strengthened their political position in the developing world. The background for these changes in the international relations must be sought in the internal changes in the two countries. Differences in the international security environment as well as in the economic structures and in the interplay between state politics and economic interests have, however, to a large extent shaped external relations and behaviour.

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Security, Development and the Environment – A Third World View

Security in all countries is threatened by the arms build-up, by environmental degradation and by the huge inequalities in living conditions existing in the world today. All countries both in the North and in the South have responsibilities for changing this situation. Individual action is necessary as is cooperation among countries. The situation is grave, but the prospects for change perhaps better than they have been for a long time.