

Partners for Multilateralism (P4M) Initiative

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Why in news?

India joined several countries committed to supporting UN-based multilateralism, away from “superpower” politics, said India’s Union External Affairs Minister in New York.

- **P4M initiative** – It is a new grouping launched by the leaders of the European Union, Brazil, Kenya and Canada.
- The inaugural session was attended by India, Australia, and Barbados.
- **Objective**
 - To support the reform of the UN and other multilateral institutions, to make them more representative, legitimate, effective and trusted.
 - To support the UN but push for it to be more representative and prepared for global challenges, including AI (Artificial Intelligence), climate change, health security and digital transformation.



- **Features** – P4M would not create another exclusive bloc or international bureaucracy.
- Its purpose is the opposite - to create a flexible, open framework for countries from different regions and political traditions that are willing to work across divides, to build coalitions for reform and to translate shared principles into practical action.
- **India’s Position with P4M** – It is unclear whether India was asked to join the joint message.
- India is already part of a number of groups like the Non-Aligned Movement, BRICS, G20, and G-4 that have similar objectives.
- **Significance** – It emphasises collective action by middle and emerging powers and

reflects growing concern that major powers alone cannot effectively manage today's global crises.

- The idea gained momentum amid dissatisfaction with unilateral actions by major powers and ongoing global conflicts.

Reference

[The Hindu | India to attend inaugural session of P4M at UN](#)

