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### ■ France Backs India for Permanent UNSC Membership

French President Mr. Emmanuel Macron has expressed strong support for India's bid for permanent membership in a reformed United Nations Security Council (UNSC). Speaking at the 79th session of the UN General Assembly in New York,

Mr. Macron stated that India, along with Germany, Japan, and Brazil, should be included as permanent members, alongside two representatives from Africa. He underscored the necessity of reforming the UN to enhance its effectiveness and representation, particularly regarding the Security Council's current structure. This endorsement follows similar calls from other world leaders, including US President Mr. Joe Biden and Russian Foreign Minister Mr. Sergei Lavrov, for India's inclusion.

■ **Commerce Minister Inaugurates**

■ **Commerce Minister Inaugurates Invest India Office in Singapore**



Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, inaugurated Invest India's first overseas office in Singapore on September 22, 2024. The initiative was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Singapore on September 4-5, 2024. This new office aims to enhance investment partnerships and simplify engagement for global

investors interested in India. During the inauguration, Shri Goyal highlighted Singapore's role as a key strategic partner for India, stating, "This office marks a new chapter in our efforts to strengthen economic cooperation with Singapore and the broader ASEAN region."