



44TH SUMMIT 8-9 June 2018

HOST Justin Trudeau

VENUE La Malbaie, Charlevoix, Quebec, Canada



WHAT IS THE G7 SUMMIT?

Annual meeting of the seven **largest advanced economies** in the world



WHO IS IN THE G7?

Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK and the US (European Union also represented)

Various other guests invited to summit



WHY WAS IT ESTABLISHED?

World leaders saw a need to consult on **international economic policy**, due to huge global economic problems in the 1970s

KEY DATES

1975

First summit of world's most industrially advanced economies

- French president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing invited leaders of Germany, the UK, Italy, the US and Japan to Rambouillet in **France**
- Main discussion was the **economic and financial crisis** triggered by the oil shock of 1973-74

1976

Canada joined to make it "Group of Seven" (G7)

1977

Seven leaders pledged:

- To contribute to **global economic growth**
- To boost **employment**
- To cooperate closely in **international organisations**
- To increase and diversify **energy production**
- To support **international trade**

1980s

Interests extended to **foreign and security policy issues** (including Iraq-Iran conflict and Soviet occupation of Afghanistan)

1991

Mikhail Gorbachev (of **Soviet Union**) invited to talks parallel to G7 summit

1998

Russia formally admitted to "Group of Eight" (G8)

2014

G7 leaders met **without Russia** after Russian action in Ukraine and Crimea

G7 STYLE AND FORMAT



- **Relaxed** approach
- Issues discussed with **openness** and frankness
- **Brief** meetings
- **Intimate** venue
- **Main international issues** discussed
- Resulting **joint declaration** about high level political pledges signed by the participating heads of state

G7 NATIONS REPRESENT



more than

62% of global net wealth (\$280 trillion)

46% of global gross domestic product, or GDP, based on nominal values

32% of global GDP based on purchasing power parity

2018 G7 THEMES



Investing in **growth** that works for everyone

Advancing **gender equality** and **women's empowerment**



Building a more **peaceful and secure** world

Preparing for **jobs** of the future



Working together on **climate change, oceans** and **clean energy**

HIGHLIGHTS

INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION FOR WOMEN

Canada (with the EU, Germany, Japan, the UK and the World Bank) announced investment of almost **\$3.8 billion** (Canadian dollars, CAD) to support **quality education for women and girls living in crisis, conflict-affected and fragile states**

- Largest investment of its kind in history
- Based on **role of education** in fight for **greater equality** (gives women tools to make **own decisions**)
- When girls are allowed access to education, **child mortality and child marriage rates drop** and **GDPs rise**
- Money pledged at summit could help educate more than **8 million** children and teenage girls
- **Malala Yousafzai** said it was "significant" step for women and "gives all of us a chance to create a safer, healthier and wealthier world"

DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

- Importance of investing in **clean energy**
- Need to protect **oceans** and **coastal communities**
- Five countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy and the UK) agreed to **Oceans Plastic Charter**
- Canada pledged to invest **\$100 million** to rid oceans of **marine litter** and **plastic pollution**



DISCUSSIONS ABOUT BUILDING MORE PEACEFUL AND SECURE WORLD

- Leaders recognised that **respect for human rights**, the **rule of law** and **equality of opportunity** are needed to ensure **lasting security** and **economic growth**
- Focus on concrete actions to **defend democratic systems from foreign threats** (including the undermining of democratic societies and institutions, electoral processes, sovereignty and security)
- Need for **coordinated, multi-dimensional approaches** to bolster conflict-prevention efforts, to respond more effectively to humanitarian crises, and to strengthen measure to counter spread of violent extremism
- Leaders agreed to **"Charlevoix Commitment on Defending Democracy from Foreign Threats"**
- **International security challenges** identified in **North Korea, Russia, East and South China Seas, Syria, Venezuela, Ukraine, Myanmar, Libya** and **Iran**



COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW



AGREEMENT TO ADVANCE **"G7 WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE"** BY COORDINATING EFFORTS AND PROVIDING TARGETED SUPPORT TO CONFLICT AFFECTED COUNTRIES

