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## JOINING BRICS, INDONESIA STICKS WITH MULTI-ALIGNMENT STRATEGY

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*Indonesias decision to join BRICS is no strategic pivot but a continuation of its multi-alignment foreign policy. However, Indonesia will need to navigate internal BRICS dynamics while maintaining ties with the West and its leadership role in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.*

Although framed domestically as a step forwards in strengthening economic growth through South-South cooperation, the move is leverage in its dealings with the West and preserves Indonesian President Prabowo Subiantos approach of friends to all, enemy to none. Having long participated in BRICS summits as an observer, Indonesias formal admission in early 2025 aligns with its commitment to equilibrium through multi-alignment, shown through a parallel application to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

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