

# India Opts Out Of Ukraine Declaration

## Why In News

- India opted out of the **joint communiqué** arising from the Global Peace Summit on the war in **Ukraine hosted by Switzerland**. It is among 13 countries that attended the two-day summit but did not sign the final document.
- **Saudi Arabia, India, South Africa, Thailand, Indonesia**, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates were among countries participating at a summit on peace for Ukraine that did not sign a final communique.



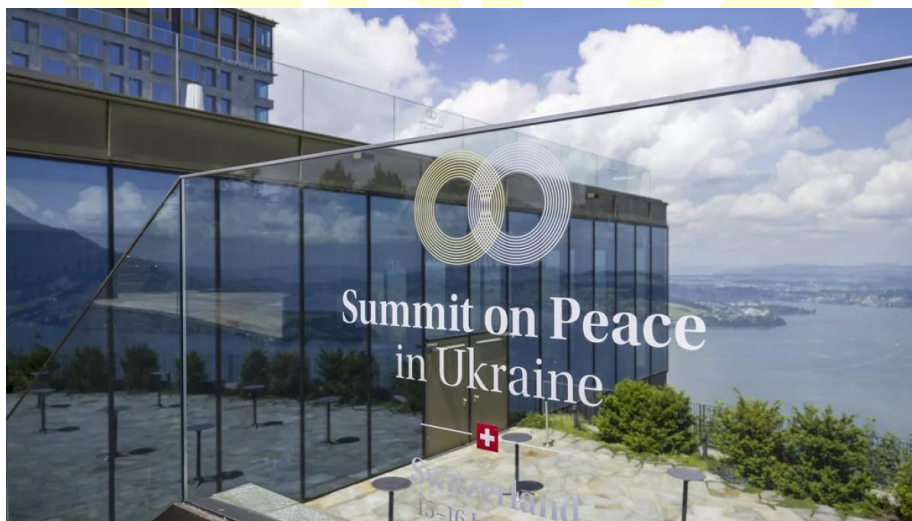
- Switzerland, which hosted the summit, said over 90 countries took part in the talks, and the vast majority of them signed up to the communique, according to a list which the Swiss organizers posted at the close of proceedings.
- Brazil, which was listed as an "observer" on the list of attendees, also did not feature as a signatory.

## About The Summit

- The **two-day summit** (15-16 June) organised by Switzerland witnessed the participation of 93 delegations including the host. The peace conference saw 57 heads of state or government participate, while 29 ministerial delegations attended and 6 envoys were present. Most of the attendees were from Europe and the western powers.



- **US Vice President Kamala Harris**, French President Emmanuel Macron, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz were among the Western leaders who attended the summit.
- However, a **number of countries including** China, the world's second-largest economy and a close partner of Russia, chose to give the summit a miss. Russia was not invited to the summit.



- From both **the BRICS grouping** (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, UAE and Iran) and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (Russia, Pakistan, China, India, Iran, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan), New Delhi was the only country to send a ministerial-level delegation.
- South Africa, the UAE sent envoys to the summit, while Brazil sent an observer. A day before the summi, **Russian President Vladimir V. Putin** announced his own four conditions for peace in the war, including the annexation of Ukrainian

territories and for Kyiv to give aspirations to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). **Ukraine swiftly rejected** Putin's conditions.



## India's Stand

- “**In our view, only those options** acceptable to both parties can lead to an abiding peace. In line with this approach, we have decided to avoid association with a joint communiqué or any other document emerging from the summit,” said Pavan Kapoor, secretary (west) and a former ambassador to Russia who served as India's representative at the summit.



- Speaking at the summit, Kapoor added: “**India shares the global concern over** the situation in Ukraine and supports any collective desire to facilitate a peaceful resolution of the conflict...We continue to believe that such a peace requires bringing together all stakeholders and a sincere and practical engagement between the two parties to the conflict.”